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The Convention War of Signs

Billboards Will Front Gay Convention Presence

Opposing Gay Views to Greet/Grouse Delegates

The Gay presence at this summer's Democratic Convention might escalate (or degenerate) into the war of billboards. This week two groups — one made up of protesters and the other protesting the protesters — laid plans to put up giant billboards to shout out their opposing points of view.

With the promise of a giant billboard, Russell Alley will be making his own kind of stand for Gay rights during the July Democratic Convention. Disturbed by the reactions he believes people will have to the planned march and demonstration, Alley got Foster & Kleiser to donate a billboard across the street from the Hilton Hotel during the convention week for a message from the Gay community.

The message Alley will proclaim is aimed to have opposite effect from the demonstrations being planned. The copy reads, "Best Wishes for a successful convention from the Men and Women of San Francisco's Gay community." Russell Alley says he is trying to "put out a positive image" of San Francisco Gays.

Alley is well aware that his concept is in direct contrast to the planned demonstrations. To

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by George Mendenhall

Governor George Deukmejian vetoed AB-1, the Gay job rights bill, on Tuesday afternoon after it had been passed by the state Assembly (42-35) and Senate (22-16). The measure had finally passed the legislature after an 8-year effort by its author, Assemblyman Art Agnos.

The governor gave three basic reasons for his veto:

No Need: He said no real need had been proven that homosexuals are discriminated against in employment. Cited were cities where there is such legislation but where few complaints have been filed. He also said only two complaints had been filed with the state personnel board, although there is an executive order barring discrimination in state employment. The governor said, "Homosexuals are widely represented and accepted throughout California's work force, even without any special laws."

Gay advocates agreed that it has been difficult to document cases of discrimination when so few homosexuals have come "out of the closet." In most cases of job discrimination the reason for the mistreatment is clouded in employee explanations that have no bearing on sexual orientation. Numerous cases of alleged individual Gay discrimination were paraded before legislative committees — but the hard statistics were not there.

Special Protection: AB-1 would have added "sexual orientation" to the long list of minorities and classes that can complain to the state if they are discriminated against. In effect, it barred such discrimination . . . The governor said he thought it was wrong to include people in this "specially protected class" because of their sexual orientation. The implication is that Gay people would be given "special" consideration that is denied to others.

People Divided: Deukmejian urged that he had received over 90,000 letters and telephone calls and that "they reflect a strong difference of opinion." He emphasized that in one major Gay rights case the state Supreme Court had divided 4-3 and that the public had rejected an initiative in 1978 that would have barred Gay school teachers by a 53%-42% margin. His reasoning was that, by vetoing, he ended the division.

While any controversy divides people, the governor knew that his signing of AB-1 would create a special problem. Many of his supporters had announced that they would introduce a referendum to take AB-1 off the books in the November election if he signed. That would have continued the statewide debate through 1984.



The marchers on Tuesday night were fewer than in previous times, while police presence was everywhere. (Photo: Rink)

Assemblyman Agnos pledged to re-introduce AB-1 again in January 1985. He said, "I am heartbroken. This bill was defeated by a group of bigoted Bible-thumpers . . . I will continue to introduce this bill until it becomes the law of the land. This is not the end of the struggle for Gay civil rights. I have not given up on the governor. I believe he is a sincere and earnest man. Each of us recognizes when we come across an historic opportunity. I regret and feel sorry for the governor because he didn't take advantage of this."

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The governor, conservative opponents, and Gay Rights advocates all knew what was more important than the specifics of the legislation. It was a symbolic message that homosexuals should be accepted and given equal treatment. It was significant that the major opposition group to AB-1 was "The Family Coalition" which emphasized that the traditional, nuclear family was threatened by such legislation. They were correct. Gay Rights legislation indirectly attempts to include Gay people within the concept of "family."

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Spring comes to the Castro for St. Patrick's Day. (Photo: Rink)

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DA Indicts Gay Priest on Charges of 'Quack' Medicine

Homeopath Accused of Falsely Claiming Cures for AIDS, Herpes

by Dion B. Sanders

An openly Gay Episcopal priest has been indicted by the San Francisco District Attorney on charges of practicing medicine without a license, the Bay Area Reporter learned last week.

The Rev. Richard Kerr, a practitioner and advocate of homeopathic healing, was accused of claiming that he had a cure for AIDS, herpes and other diseases that presently have no cure in conventional medicine.

Kerr was the central figure of a controversy last year over an emergency food-to-the-poor program at Trinity Church.

Homeopathy is a form of holistic health therapy that is based on the premise that a remedy can cure a disease if it bolsters the body's own natural healing powers, instead of the remedy itself arresting the disease, and without creating toxic side effects, according to author George Vithoulkas, a homeopathic practitioner.

According to the indictment, Kerr "advertised and held himself up as practicing a system of treating the sick without having a license to act as a physician or surgeon, nor having any license issued by the (state) Board of Medical Quality Assurance (BMQA)," in violation of Section 2052 of the state Business

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Governor Vetoes AB-1

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The primary workers for AB-1 were a dedicated few aides to Senator David Roberti (who introduced the legislation in the Senate), Assemblyman Agnos, and several other legislators and longtime Gay rights political advocates across the state.

The whole of the Gay community did not get involved in the AB-1 struggle, although there were many attempts to involve the Gay public. This lack of interest was partly due to more general acceptance of Gay people and the fact that most Gay people remain private on the job about their sexual orientation.

The pro-AB-1 effort was not concentrated in San Francisco, often portrayed as the Gay Capital of the World, where Gay people are generally accepted as a reality if not understood. The battle lines were in the other 57 California counties where homosexuals are not as accepted and the religious Right has stronger political ties. While most of the major city newspapers supported AB-1 (with four editorials for it in the *Los Angeles Times*) many small town newspapers were against it and carried the syndicated editorial commentaries of homophobic Senator H.L. Richardson.

ALARMED BY DISTORTIONS

Homophobic Senator H.L. Richardson stooped to bring AIDS into the controversy as he strongly implied that employers would be forced to hire homosexuals with AIDS and thus be exposed to the disease by touch. Alarmed Christians in some churches heard ministers talk of the coming Sodom and Gomorrah if AB-1 became law.

Some people were led to believe that there would be quotas set so employers would be forced to hire a specific percentage of Gay people. One employer told this reporter that he would close his business, employing 326 people, rather than be "forced" to hire homosexuals under AB-1.

The political Right and many religious conservatives distorted what the bill was all about. In reality, AB-1 was a very simple piece of legislation. The bill added "sexual orientation" to the state code that prohibits employment discrimination because of "race, religious creed, color, na-



Assemblyman Art Agnos was grim this week on learning his seven years' work on AB-1 was crushed with a veto. (Photo: Rink)

tional origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, sex, or age." It explained that there were no hiring quotas or affirmative action "intended or required."

There were exceptions put in the proposed legislation to avoid some earlier attacks by business and religious groups. AB-1 exempted businesses with fewer than five employees plus schools, churches, and nonprofit businesses run by churches.

AB-1 put the burden of proof on the person making the complaint and established that the state Department of Fair Housing and Employment process complaints.

ART AGNOS

Agnos, a straight married man with two children, was more determined and dedicated to passing AB-1 than any Gay activist in the state. He spent long hours away from his family speaking in all parts of the state in an attempt to activate a relatively complacent Gay community. Agnos and his hardworking Gay and straight staff traveled from San Diego to Yreka and inland through the valley.

The lists of church leaders, labor unions, business groups and elected politicians grew to where reluctant legislators began to pay closer attention. Telephone calls and personal visits to legislators by selected people who were chosen because of their expertise or friendship with the legislators. The orchestrating went on for months with Agnos in charge and keeping the legislative vote tally. When he had the votes on the floor, he called up the bill.

Gay Democratic activists across the state took an active role in passing AB-1 with trips made to Sacramento to lobby legislators. Significant contacts with Republican legislators were made by the local Gay Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights and the Los Angeles-based Log Cabin Republicans. Two surprises surfaced when two unexpected GOP legislators supported the bill — Assemblyman William Filante in the Assembly and former LA Police Chief Ed Davis in the Senate.

The passage of AB-1, first introduced by the author in 1977, squeaked through the Assembly and the Senate. The same thing happened with Assemblyman Willie Brown's consensual sex bill when it finally won passage in 1975. However, Brown had Governor Jerry Brown. Agnos had Deukmejian.

GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN

The governor is a dedicated family man who believes strongly in the flag, motherhood and apple pie. He is an Armenian, Episcopalian, and proud that he pulled himself up "by the bootstraps." He is also very independent. For example, when his Bishop, Robert Rusack, called this week (at the request of Los Angeles activist Morris Kight) to urge him to sign AB-1, he thanked him for his input — and then vetoed the bill.

Deukmejian is also careful about important matters. Although he received over 3,000 telephone calls and 5,000 letters daily (overwhelmingly favoring a veto) he took his time deciding. His staff was tied up with AB-1, feeding the governor reports and analyses from state cabinet members and lawyers. He listened to Agnos more than once, chatted with the perennial moralistic lobbyist Rev. W.B. Timberlake, and many others about the bill. The public may

Veto Protest Staged in Castro

by Brian Jones

It could have been a replay of the big Gay protests of the late '70s, but it wasn't. The people weren't there.

At its height, the demonstration Tuesday night to protest the veto of the state Gay job rights bill attracted about 350 people to Castro Street. By the time the protesters had marched down Market and Polk Streets to Civic Center Plaza, the crowd had thinned to 250. There may have been more protesters than spectators surrounding the State Building, where the protest culminated.

"I don't think a lot of people knew about it — many are still in the process of finding out," said quintessential protest marcher Howard Wallace, who has by his own estimation "marched in hundreds of these things" over the past 15 years. "But the spirit is terrific," he said.

For a small crowd, it was indeed spirited, and the marchers made a noise bigger than their numbers would indicate. From Castro down Market to Van Ness, up Van Ness to Sacramento and back down Polk to Civic Center, they blew whistles and horns, shouted and sang, and chanted slogans such as "Gay Rights Now" and "Nuke the Duke."

It had all the classic features of a San Francisco Gay protest: Cleve Jones with a bullhorn shouting, "Out of the bars and into the streets;" the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence leading

with a banner; two city supervisors — Carol Ruth Silver and Bill Maher — showing up to address the rally, to a lukewarm response. But for the most part, the masses that might have made up the bulk of the demonstration stayed on the sidewalks, or got out of the streets and into the bars.

Organizers decided at 4 p.m. to call a rally and protest — only three hours before the event was to begin. And all afternoon, rain squalls moved across the city, clearing at 6:15 p.m.

At 6, Bill Camilo, Third World Caucus Chair for the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, stood at the corner of 18th and Castro in front of a hastily made poster, shouting, "Protest the Veto of AB-1 — Rally at Market and Castro, 7 p.m." Leaflets didn't arrive until 6:20, and five minutes later, Camilo finally got a bullhorn to broadcast his announcement.



"Out of the bars and into the streets" was heard on Castro Street Tuesday night. (Photo: Rink)

never know if the governor's apparently endless search for the truth was real or whether he had made his decision earlier.

Richardson said recently that the governor had shown a concern about "the general view of California that is held by the business community outside of California" and predicted the governor would veto. Others predicted the veto, arguing that the governor would not alienate his natural constituency, the conservatives.

However, many Gay activists and Agnos himself believed that Deukmejian might, at the least, sit out the 12-day waiting period and let the bill become law without his signature. When the governor said he would not do that — but would do something earlier, he still waited until the 11th day.

The governor encouraged civil liberty and Gay rights advocates when he said that the jobs bill was "entirely different" than the earlier consensual sex bill. Deukmejian had led the floor fight against that bill in 1975 when he was in the Assembly, but he did not rescind Governor Brown's executive order giving job rights to state employees when he became governor. Deukmejian also met with numerous people who supported AB-1, including some Gay activists. He reportedly demonstrated considerable charm and asked a variety of questions. The

fact that he waited so long, rather than vetoing the bill earlier, was also encouraging.

REFERENDUM AVOIDED

The governor's veto avoided a possible referendum to AB-1 off the books. Two senators, Richardson and John Doolittle (R-Citrus Heights), announced that they would gather over 500,000 signatures in 90 days to place the issue on the ballot in November. They would have been joined by "The Family Coalition," a recently formed Santa Monica group that had called AB-1 "an open attack on the family."

Concerned Citizens Business Group had been formed in the Southland to get the signatures for the referendum if the governor signed. This reporter attended a press conference called by its founder, Don Bierman, in Los Angeles earlier this week. The organizer was in a near-panic stage as he related how men would begin to dress as women on the job and how males would approach other males in employee rest rooms if AB-1 passed. Bierman nervously called AB-1 "Bill 81." He remained staunch while fifteen reporters and television camera operators openly laughed through much of his maniacal presentation. Bierman can now relax until next year when AB-1 will be again introduced.

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Building Dept. Won't Oust Castro Doctor

by Allen White

The San Francisco Planning Commission almost blasted a model Gay business right out of the water. Late last year they began the procedure to put dermatologist Stephen Baker out of his unique business location at Castro and 19th Streets.

With the help of Harry Britt, Louise Renne, and virtually the entire Board of Supervisors, he won and won big.

Dr. Baker's problems began last fall when San Francisco building inspectors posted a notice trying to close his business. The building inspectors saw what they thought was a problem when they viewed Baker's offices in what was formerly a residence. The offices were added by High Gear back in 1978 to compliment their Castro area location. Dr. Baker moved in to the offices in 1980. Only after four years, the building inspectors got around to looking. They told Baker he had to move.

For Dr. Baker it wasn't that

simple. His efforts were the model of the business that finds a need and fills it. His business is treating diseases of the skin. There was no competition in the immediate area. Searching in vain for a regular doctor's office, he settled on the scenic location at Castro and 19th Street. Baker then began a regular advertising campaign in the *Bay Area Reporter*. He built up a respected and successful business in the Castro area.

On January 5 the City Planning Commission met and ruled against Dr. Baker. He then had

until February 27 to mount a defense as his case moved to the Board of Supervisors.

In a classic case of business initiative he went into action. He got over 2,000 people to sign a petition. He checked his patient list and found that over 45% lived in the immediate postal zip code. He got residents in the area to sign petitions. He took all his material and went to the supervisors for help.

Harry Britt's office started the ball rolling. They put the pieces together from the Gay Castro business, and stacked anyway it was unfair against the business. To the Supervisor it became obvious that the decision of the Planning Commission was made without any sensitivity toward the doctor's business or the Castro business area.

Britt raised the question of whether the Planning Commission was "doing what it is supposed to do." He pointed out that the commission is having problems making special use districts work in all areas of the city except Union Street. The supervisor asked why a property converted from residential to business in 1978 was only now being questioned. Predictably, the planning Commission had few answers.

At the board meeting, Supervisor Louise Renne chose to use



Dermatologist Stephen Baker wins battle with city Planning Department, who wanted him evicted from his Castro Street office. (Photo: Rink)



Dr. Stephen Baker and his medical assistant will stay where they've been since 1978. (Photo: Rink)

Roberti Announces 2nd AIDS Committee Appointment

Sen. David Roberti, (D-Hollywood), announced last week his second Senate Rules Committee appointment to the AIDS Advisory Committee to the State Department of Health Services. His aide Stan Hadden was his choice.

The AIDS Advisory Committee was established by Roberti's Senate Bill 910, which became law on January 1, 1984.

Appointee Stan Hadden has been bringing the concerns of AIDS-related agencies to the Legislature and to the Department of Health Services since early 1983. He is a member of the Board of Directors, Sacramento AIDS Foundation and has done extensive work with the Lesbian and Gay com-

munity organizations to share AIDS resources and information.

Hadden assisted the Department of Health Services in rewriting a 1983 proposal so that agencies providing AIDS-related services could compete with county health departments in the state's AIDS grant funding process. He has been active in a number of Gay organizations in Sacramento since 1978. He serves on the staff of Roberti, who recommended him.

The advisory committee will work with the Department of Health Services until July 1, 1986. Appointments by the Speaker of the Assembly and by the Governor to the Committee have not yet been made.

Convention March Fundraiser

A cocktail party atop Russian Hill will kick off the fundraising drive for the "National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights — San Francisco '84." Party guests will be listed as "Charter Sponsors" of the march and rally that will be held in San Francisco at

the time of this summer's Democratic national convention.

The kickoff party is scheduled for 5:30-8:30 PM, Friday evening March 16, at 2459 Larkin Street #9. A contribution of \$25 (\$40 for couples) includes a first drink for each guest.

the incident to join Britt to deliver a slamming broadside against the Planning Commission. She concluded that the Planning Commission simply doesn't have what it takes to be sensitive to the needs of the many communities throughout the city. She seized the opportunity to launch a trial balloon that would call for the creation

of local community planning committees. These groups would examine communities throughout the city.

On February 27, the Board of Supervisors voted 10 to 1 to overrule the Planning Commission and allow Dr. Stephen Baker to continue his medical practice at his 19th Street and Castro address.

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Dutch Statesman Speaks on the Sexuality of Children

by George Mendenhall

"Children give consent or refuse to give consent all the time, about everything. They let you know if they do not like something or it is pleasing to them. There must always be consent — before and during activity. The child must be completely respected."

The speaker was one of the Netherlands' most respected citizens, Dr. Edward Brongersma. He told the monthly meeting of the local North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) that children can be very loving and very sexual with adults — an acceptable fact of life in the Netherlands. Seventy in attendance sat in rapt attention for the 90-minute presentation.

Gay activists in the United States have deliberately attempted to ignore NAMBLA and underage Gay people for fear they will be branded as "child molesters." Children are not recognized as being sexual in this society and the public (including Gay people) in this country severely condemns adult/child sex relations.

In one of its most dramatic political defeats in history, singer Anita Bryant successfully frightened Miami voters in 1977 by implying homosexuals were "child molesters." Her campaign was "Save Our Children." The Gay activists responded by insisting that few of them did have sex with children and that they also deplored such activity.

DR. BRONGERSMA

Brongersma has written numerous books and magazine articles on child/adult sex relations and is a recognized international authority on the subject. The doctor of law has taught in his country's universities and served in its national Senate for 19 years.

He left the Senate in 1950 when he was arrested for having sexual relations with a 10-year-old. He served 11 months in jail.



Former Dutch Member of Parliament and expert on pedophiles, Dr. Edward Brongersma.

The law had prohibited sex between those over and below 21 years of age. The law was changed in 1950, lowering the age limit to 16. Brongersma won back his seat in the Senate, retiring to open a law office in 1978. In 1975 he was knighted by Queen Juliana, receiving his country's highest honor for his service on criminal justice and family problem commissions.

The attorney said that children

should have sexual freedom, that they are capable of making choices about whom they wish to love and have sex with. This, he explained, was acceptable fact throughout Europe and England until scientific progress and the intrusion of the church began to limit children's sexuality. Brongersma said that the days of Romeo and Juliet (who were children) began to change and the age of consent and the age at which children and adults could

check for glaucoma, foot disorders, dental and oral problems, skin disorders, and mental health problems.

For those interested in having an automated analysis of their blood chemistries (including blood sugar, cholesterol, liver tests, kidney tests, and others), there will be a blood drawing station providing this service as in past years. The participant ideally should fast eight hours prior to having his or her blood drawn.

In addition to the AIDS information station, health professionals will be available to provide information on other health related topics such as nutrition.

other health professionals, and other volunteers donating their time to make this year's Health Fair a success. There will be special attention directed to Lesbian and Gay health concerns as in past years.

For men, a station will provide genital and rectal examinations. Gonorrhea and syphilis screening will be done. Additionally, there will be an AIDS information and resource station.

Of general interest will be stations screening for high blood pressure, anemia, urinalysis, eye

marry were raised.

Netherlands dropped its age of consent to 16 in 1971 with wide support from youth groups, socialists, attorneys, and the church itself. It passed the legislature 150-5. In 1980 a law was adopted which made it legal for children 12-16 to have sex with an adult if the child initiated the act.

The speaker said that the commander of the police vice squad in the Netherlands' second largest city, Rotterdam, testified during the hearings on law reform that he urged his officers to not arrest adults who have sex with children unless the parents request it. Brongersma said children are usually more traumatized by the discovery and resulting legal problems than they are by the acts.

The attitude in the Netherlands, the attorney said, is that sex is joyous and that whether it is woman/boy or man/boy relations it is "a very positive thing." He said that with girls it is a different situation but he did not elaborate.

Brongersma said that it is wrong to believe that sex is evil, that sex is wrong. However, he emphasized, many other countries are not as liberal as the Netherlands. They believe children should be "protected" from sex. He said the United States had a reputation in Europe as being very restrictive about all sexual matters.

When asked about children's exposure to pornography, the attorney urged that it can be very useful as an educational tool. He said children are not damaged by seeing sexual acts portrayed or reading about them. Children, he said, accept or reject such material — depending on whether they find it interesting at the moment. (There are no restrictions on pornography in the Netherlands.)

TWO COURT CASES

Brongersma illustrated how

the courts react to adult/child sex cases in his country. The attorney represents adult males in such cases and illustrated his talk with two recent cases:

The man, 30, was accused of having sex with a boy of 10 and two twin boys, 11. The prosecutor argued that the man should not go to prison. He was sentenced to three weeks probation and received a \$313 fine. He appealed and won. The case was dropped.

Another man, 30, was accused of having sex with a consenting boy of 10. The prosecutor said he should have been 12 under state law. The man promised only to have sex with boys over 12 in the future and so received a minor sentence . . . However, shortly thereafter he was arrested for having sex with a 7-year-old. The judge was angry and ordered an investigation. The boy's mother said the child asked for the man daily and missed him. The prosecutor then demanded a 4 months sentence, 3 months probation. The judge sentenced him to 2 months and gave him no probation.

Brongersma was asked if children introduced to male/male sex became homosexuals. He answered that they are ineffective as to sexual orientation. The attorney said he had talked with at least 50 men in his lifetime that had homosexual experiences as children and who later practiced heterosexuality.

The Netherlands speaker concluded. "Primitive tribes show us a lot about sex. Homosexual acts between adults and children are often understood." However, he related, in most countries sex between adults and children is forbidden, with severe penalties for those adults who attempt such activity. This is tragic to Brongersma, as numerous books spell out that children are sexual beings but that they are denied sexual activity. He concluded, "Children should be kissed and fondled, not out of duty, but out of love."

BAPHR Mounts Weekend Health Fair

The Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, an organization of Lesbian and Gay physicians, will be coordinator for this year's health fair, which is being designated "Health Aware Fair, 1984." The fair is to be held in conjunction with Health Center #1. Major sponsors for the fair are the Golden Gate Business Association, Bay Area Career Women, and the Lyon-Martin Clinic. March 17-18 is the weekend, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Health Center #1, 3850 17th St.

The fair will be staffed by physicians, podiatrists, dentists,

checks for glaucoma, foot disorders, dental and oral problems, skin disorders, and mental health problems.

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Norman Picks Campaign Manager

Friends of Pat Norman for Supervisor has selected its campaign manager. The committee announced last week that it has contracted with political and management consultant Carole Selter Norris to manage Norman's campaign for SF supervisor.

Norris served as manager of East Bay Assemblyman Tom Bates' successful re-election campaign in 1982; and, in 1980, Norris chaired the statewide No-on-10 campaign — a successful campaign to preserve local government jurisdiction over rental legislation. She is past chair of the California Housing Action & Information Network. Norris also has worked as a paid lobbyist in Sacramento.

"Pat's candidacy is par-

ticularly important at this time," Norris said, in explaining her decision to accept the campaign manager position. "Not only nationally, but locally, we're witnessing a piecemeal erosion of democratic principles and an increase in government by 'rubber-stamp.' If we're to reverse this trend, we need progressive voices raised in government, as well as in the neighborhoods and at community meetings. Pat Norman is one of those necessary progressive voices. She's a clear thinker and a capable administrator, with vision and courage. We need her at City Hall."

The Friends of Pat Norman campaign office is located at The World Trade Center, Suite 280, in San Francisco. Campaign headquarters phone number is (415) 398-4605.

NGRA Enters Case On Behalf of Gay Judge

National Gay Rights Advocates has filed a brief in the Minnesota Supreme Court urging that a judge not be dismissed simply because he is Gay. The case involves Crane Winton, a District Court Judge in Hennepin County, Minnesota. The Board on Judicial Standards, in recommending Winton's removal, concluded that "A homosexual may be a judge only if he or she is celibate."

Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said Judge Winton was being subjected to an unfair double standard. "In Minnesota,"

Graff said, "the same sexual activity is illegal for Gays and Straights. Yet, straight judges have not been asked to vow not to engage in that type of sex."

NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary added: "It seems fairly obvious that Judge Winton is being treated differently simply because he is Gay. These outdated sex laws were never intended to be used as a measure of one's ability to serve the public."

Judge Winton has been on the bench for 21 years and is highly respected by his colleagues.

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Homeopath Arrested

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and Professions Code.

Violation of Section 2052 is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500, six months in the county jail, or both.

Nate James, the assistant district attorney handling the case, told the *Bay Area Reporter* that Kerr "claimed that he could cure diseases that conventional medicine cannot cure — particularly AIDS and herpes."

James, who works in the DA's consumer fraud unit, said that the District Attorney's office acted after receiving a lengthy report by an investigator for the BMQA.

In reviewing court records on the case, however, the *Bay Area Reporter*, was denied access to the BMQA investigator's report, on the grounds that it was going to be used as evidence against Kerr.

Moreover, the report contained Kerr's home address, which under state law must be kept confidential.

Kerr, who at press time did not have legal counsel, declined

to comment directly on the case with the *Bay Area Reporter* on Fifth Amendment grounds, adding that the American Civil Liberties Union turned down his request for representation.

However, Kerr released a copy of a letter he sent to District Attorney Arlo Smith in which he charges that the arresting officers "never advised me of my constitutional rights."

Kerr's letter also charges that "at no time did the Board of Medical Quality Assurance or anyone in your office advise me of their opinion that I might be violating the law."

He denied that he represented himself as a physician, and declared that he is not "a person skilled in the diagnosis or treatment of diseases."

The Rev. Robert Cromey, rector of Trinity Church, told the *Bay Area Reporter* Monday that at no time did Kerr claim to be a physician. He went on to say that he, himself, had received homeopathic therapy from Kerr and that it had "helped me a great deal."



Rev. Richard Kerr accused of practicing medicine without a license. (Photo: Rink)

Another Gay TV Show Looks to Going on the Air

Viacom May Schedule Show This Month

Another full production Gay television magazine show may be arriving in San Francisco. A pilot television tape was delivered this week to Viacom Cablevision for possible airing later this month by Channel 6 on cable. The producers are "Couldn't Be More Graphic," who operate the television show on Castro Street near 18th.

Gay TV has been seen — off and on — in San Francisco for years. The latest concepts of a Gay television magazine have been almost a year in the making. Viacom started the ball rolling again for a show last June. A contract was signed with Walter Rowen Associates. Their show was to have been called "NOW in San Francisco," and promoters said it was to have been "a high quality nonpornographic program that is both topical and entertaining." As great as the idea seemed, Walter Rowen and Viacom could never get the show off the ground.

Last year another group, Couldn't Be More Graphic, came on the scene. For the last several months they have been out shooting all over town. Currently their work is viewable next to Crown Books on Castro on a streetside video. The show is on a continuous loop and mixes a variety of clips.

The proposed television show for Channel 6 is a half-hour version of what people now watch on Castro Street. The first show opens with shots of San Francisco backed by the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus. It will be followed by David Kelsey and Pure Trash from the New Bell. An episode from their campy soap opera, "Pacific Heights," will precede "Steve the Psychic" and "Aero-Guys." Following some street interviews, the show winds up with an interview with United States Senator Alan Cranston. Cranston doesn't talk about winning or losing, but about how Gays should get involved in the political process.

If all goes well, the program will get its airing later this month. The producers are hoping for a Wednesday at 10 p.m. time slot so the show will more or less follow "Dynasty."

All involved acknowledge that it will be a small miracle if the show makes it on the air. Just

Cromey said that if asked to do so, he would testify on Kerr's behalf. Kerr is scheduled to appear tomorrow (Friday) for a pre-trial hearing at the Hall of Justice. He is out on \$1000 bail.

The case spotlights a conflict between practitioners of holistic

healing and the medical profession, according to Kerr. In his letter to Smith, Kerr states that while conventional medicine treats specific diseases, "the holistic healing model treats the whole person."

Kerr cited a 1977 case against

Dana Ullman, a holistic practitioner in Berkeley. Ullman was also accused of practicing medicine without a license.

Ullman reached a settlement with Alameda County in which Ullman "initiated a regular practice of contracting with clients in order to clarify the role of the non-medical practitioner," and then refers clients to "licensed physicians for the diagnosis and treatment of pathology," according to the settlement.

In an unpublished November 1983 letter to the editor of the *Bay Area Reporter*, Kerr states that his practice of homeopathy "is based on four years study with an M.D. in Livermore," and that "no remedy I use is of prescription strength."

Kerr made headlines last July when the *San Francisco Examiner* published two stories reporting that the vestry of Trinity Church was conducting an audit of its emergency food distribution project.

The *Examiner* said that up to 80% of \$138,545 in funds appropriated to the project by the city was spent on staff salaries — including \$36,000 for Kerr's salary and \$18,000 for his lover's salary as "social service director."

Cromey told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the *Examiner* articles were "filled with inaccuracies." Cromey, who was out of the country at the time the articles were published, said that while there was indeed an audit of the program, "there was no finding of any misappropriation of funds to the food program."

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A Duke Shrinks with a Veto

I feel the same way today as I did the day Anita Bryant got the Dade County, Florida, Gay Rights bill overturned in 1977. Lousy.

In over 25 years of watching the shifting/sliding winds of California politics, I have never witnessed a high government official make such a retrogressive move as did Governor George Deukmejian this week. For the first time he reminded me of Governors Orville Faubus and George Wallace. In a sweep of his veto, Deukmejian broadcast that civil rights progress for Gays was dead in the water for the next three years.

AB-1, some say, wasn't all that much, but as the days passed, it magnified into something much more. By last week it had swelled to a symbol of the advance or decline of minority rights. Its opponents were saying Gays shouldn't have it because we were — as a class — Godforsaken and diseased.

Deukmejian this Tuesday did more than veto a bill, he trumpeted the startling message that H.L. Richardson is now the most powerful, the most feared man in Sacramento. On the turn of AB-1, Richardson (avowed homophobe, bigot, theocrat) hung his career and future.

This sinister legislator belongs to the cast of historical travesties. He is the likes of Geneva's John Calvin in the 17th century who was well into setting up the City of God on earth. He is of the same stuffing as the Ayatollah Khomeini, who would have a nation, a state, a city run by the narrowly ordained ministers of a vengeful God. A leader who thinks nothing of throwing a half-million boys and young men into the jaws of war. Richardson is one more God-rattling reformist, a purifier, and all such beads of bleach eventually purify by the sword.

That George Deukmejian, a second generation Armenian — of a minority that has cried out for justice as the heirs to Turkish genocide of 75 years ago — could triumph to an anthem of injustice boggles my spirit.

★ ★ ★ ★

On top of it all I am heartsore. I wrote a while back that the governor had done nothing good for the Gay community nor nothing bad. It was a staged neutrality with hopes that things would improve. That communication could begin. That lines would be stepped beyond and harmony could prevail.

By vetoing AB-1 Governor Deukmejian moves himself four-square into the hardening concrete of the enemy camp. He has bought into the hatred and hypocrisy of the fundamentalist, religious right.

Deukmejian, to his sorrow, will discover that he has bought into his nemesis. For Richardson will be a plague unto his administration's house. As Richardson's frontpiece, the new message goes to every minority, liberal, progressive, moderate, or constitutional conservative that George Deukmejian henceforth eats at the same trough as the bigots (who, turn their collar once, are but a thread away from fascists . . . who are a thread away from the death squads).

Deukmejian initiates three years of strife with the Gay/Lesbian community of California. He has laid down the gauntlet, which is now ours to pick up. When confronted by an announced enemy the Gay/Lesbian community has never been more magnificent. In unity we have triumphed over an Anita Bryant, over a John Briggs.

I have no stomach for the battle. But it is here, and success will come when we retire George Deukmejian as a one-term governor.

I am doubly sad, for I had hopes for the man's growth in consciousness. In my mind he has abruptly shriveled.

Paul Lorch

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Post Mortem

★ Regarding Mike Hippel's letter on obits in the March 1 B.A.R.:

I was John Ponyman's lover. That piece was composed in the vacuum of his death, the following morning, to be mailed as a private communication to everyone in his rolodex. It came to be printed through the assistance of David Marcum and John Karr, and I was overwhelmed by what finally appeared.

John and I had a strange and brilliant relationship (in his show *Sawdust* he sang and I ran his lights). During his performance he sang one song to me in front of the audience, and the experience was beyond description:

*Everytime I look into my Lover's eyes
Everytime his eyes meet mine
Everytime we're face to face
And in our embrace
Together we fly, and become one
Deviotions to you, Devotions to you,
Silence abounds, we reach for the sky
Wisdom is here, we're through with the lies
Joining hands, we're face to face
And in our embrace
Together we fly, and become one
Deviotions to you, my Love, devotions to you.*

Yes, let's have an obituary column. We need to know. We need the catharsis of letting the dead be the dead so the rest of us can go on with life.

Deviotions, again, to all of you.

John James
San Francisco

Inflated Figuring

★ Once again Randy Shilts quotes Marcus Conant in the *Chronicle* as if they were both born yesterday. Conant predicts 600 new cases of AIDS for 1984 in the Bay Area. Too bad Randy fails to mention similar predictions of 800 new cases for 1983. They were about 550 cases too high.

If Conant predicts 600 new cases for 1984, we'll probably see around 200 this year.

They used to say wed' go to hell, but they're more sophisticated now.

Victor Galotti
San Francisco

AIDS Poster

★ That poster released by the AIDS Foundation is a mistake.

If we want to be effective and save some lives, let's see before and after photos of some victims of this horror.

J.S. Bleakney
San Francisco

Smoking at the Bank

★ It will be very interesting to see if the new smoking laws for San Francisco working establishments makes any difference in our revered Atlas Savings and Loan facilities, especially the main branch.

The place smells like the bottom of a rarely emptied ash tray in spite of high ceilings and the appearance of cleanliness. When this is mentioned to the "powers-that-be" a blank expression (perhaps due to a lack of oxygen) is the result. So here's hoping the poor lone Lesbian who doesn't kill herself with her own smoke, gets some relief from the new law. We'll see . . . or smell!!

Harry Edmunds
San Francisco

Wiser & Poorer

★ Might I suggest that you head this, "Size Queens & Liars, Beware!"?

On the evening of March 3 I was seated at my most favored spot in the Badlands, i.e., immediately outside the T-room door. Shortly, a young man happened insouciantly along who indicated an "interest" (spurious, as it eventuated) in me. We were soon heavily engaged in that time-honored and oft-indulged gaybargame, the tactile exploration of each others' groins. (His, incidentally, was quite impressive.) Titillated — as it were by my discovery of the heaviness of his endowment, I soon offered to buy my new "friend" a beer, an offer which he most graciously accepted. When I returned to my spot with our beers, we resumed our pleasurable recreational activities. I considered it odd — queer? — at the time that he kept up such a line of chatter during this period. Now, via the retrospective, I know that it was carefully designed yet further to divert my attention from this nefarious "gentleman's" true purpose.

By the time that I discovered that purpose, I was something like \$125 poorer. In his defense, however, I must admit that Mr. X was a "gentleman" to the last: he deftly flinched only my cash, leaving me in possession of my credit cards, etc., for which I am grateful.

I learned a valuable lesson, albeit a rather expensive one. I hope that the readers of this letter will learn the same lesson — far less dearly. A tripartite lesson, if you will: 1.) Take no more money to the bars! than you expect to spend — and no more than you can easily afford to lose. 2.) Don't allow yourself to become so enthralled by whatever social activities you chose to engage in while in a bar that you allow to happen to you what I foolishly allowed to happen to me. 3.) And be the look-out — feel-out? — for a glib talker with a BIG cock!

M. D. Christ
San Francisco

Leather Accuracy

★ I have attended the leather competition in Chicago for the past two years. According to the program of the events and the T-shirts I bought while there, the title of the competition is INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER CONTEST not Mister International Leather as your columnist Karl Stewart consistently writes in his often mis-informed column.

Another thing, the recruiting drive scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 11th at Chaps Bar is for Deputy Sheriff positions, NOT the Police Department. And for him to intimate that those deputies or cops on hand are grope-able is an insult.

On Page 13 of your Vol. XIV, No. 10, March 8th 1984 issue, you have an ad for the Sheriff Department job offers. Is the editor of B.A.R. perhaps sleeping or don't you care about the accuracy of your columnists reporting?

Can't you get Ms. Lashes to be more accurate in his writing?

Grange Linchard
San Francisco

Accuracy, Please

★ Karl Stewart, will you please wake up? The recruiting going on at Chaps last Sunday, March 11th was not, repeat NOT for police department recruits. It was for Deputy Sheriffs, repeat DEPUTY SHERIFFS. Can't you get anything right? You ran an ad in your current issue of BARF and it plainly says Sheriff's Deputy yet you insist last week and the week before in stating it is for police officers.

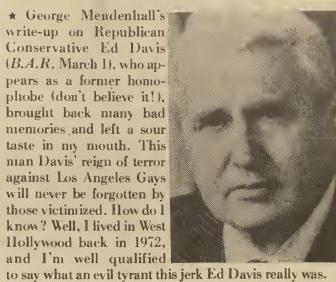
Wake up, Queen!

A SF Police Officer
San Francisco



LETTERS

No Forgiveness for Ed



★ George Mendenhall's write-up on Republican Conservative Ed Davis (*B.A.R.*, March 1), who appears as a former homophobe (don't believe it!), brought back many bad memories and left a sour taste in my mouth. This man Davis' reign of terror against Los Angeles Gays will never be forgotten by those victimized. How do I know? Well, I lived in West Hollywood back in 1972, and I'm well qualified to say what an evil tyrant this jerk Ed Davis really was.

I distinctly remember one Friday night I was at a Gay bar named Goliath's on Santa Monica Boulevard. About nine policemen stormed into the bar, lights went on and all hell broke loose! Panic ensued when some Gays trying to run out of the bar were beaten with nightsticks by the police. Gays who remained calm, like yours truly, were checked for ID cards and for warrants and were allowed to leave. It was such a nightmarish police state at that time in LA that just being Gay and walking on city streets at night was enough to earn a 24-hour hellish stay in the city jail (48 hours if you were picked up on either Friday or Saturday night), courtesy of the boys in blue from the LAPD. The infamous, homophobic Police Chief Ed Davis era of Gay LA in the 1970's wasn't that much different from that of Nazi Germany. After a year of this Nazi bullshit against Gays, I felt I've had enough and moved back to San Francisco.

Now, in 1984, this b---- Ed Davis, for reasons known only to himself, regurgitates from his hole and with his phony and pious crap, tells us how he "sees Gays in a different light as being more dignified." What a short memory this prick Davis has, when he thinks that everything is forgiven and forgotten. And how sincere is he about his seemingly pro-Gay statements? Davis stinks of political demagoguery! Davis' homophobia reinforces my equating all Republicans with Hitler's Nazis, who for millennia have advocated for the white, racist, heterosexist status quo. I cannot understand why some Gays proudly call themselves Republican Conservatives and embrace the same type of ideology as that of homophobic Ed Davis.

Questions come to mind: When was the last time a born-again Christian, self-righteous, so-called Republican Conservative heterosexual came out for Gay rights? Whatever happened to our Constitution which guarantees equality and full rights for all citizens of this country? And what about that raving, homophobic Republican Conservative Senator H. L. Richardson? And Jerry Falwell, and Phyllis Schlafly, Terry Dolan, Paul Laxalt, Anita Bryant, Richard Viguerie, etc?

I emphatically propose that the Republican Party and its members with their Stone-Age ideology be abolished altogether or else be given a one-way ticket to hell, the only place they so rightfully deserve.

Ed Dollak
San Francisco

On Ed Davis' Past

★ I appreciated the headlines and picture of Ed Davis on page 5 of last week's *B.A.R.*, but I was rather shocked by the focus and content of George Mendenhall's story.

I would think a far more interesting story than allegations by left-leaning Morris Kight (who has no love of Republicans as a group or as individuals) about Davis' conduct as Chief of Police of Los Angeles, would have been the more difficult, but more enlightening story of Davis' conversion to becoming a supporter of Gay Rights and issues of interest to the Gay community.

No mention was made of the lobbying efforts of Frank Ricchiazzi of the Gay Republican Log Cabin Club of Los Angeles or Davis' generally moderate record in the Senate, particularly on issues of education.

George also omitted to mention that Davis supported SB 910, the AIDS Advisory Panel bill as well as full AIDS funding. Nor did he discuss Davis' putdown of Richardson last summer in committee by discounting his AB 1/AIDS propaganda as not meriting a response.

Whatever we might think of Davis' past, we are doomed to remain an isolated minority if we can't give praise to those who were not on our side in years past, but now vote our way. If we are to become fully accepted by the mainstream, we must reach out to middle America which the Ed Davises of our world represent.

Shame on you, George. You are a fine journalist, but this time you took the easy way out and relied primarily on one (antagonistic) source.

Chris Bowman
San Francisco

Not to be Trusted

★ Do gays really believe that Ed Davis has converted to their side? Has anyone given any thought to the idea that the Gay Rights Bill may simply be a way to get a list of names of gays for future use? How about the idea of the Dutch Government Health Service that "AIDS was spread in the US by injections given at the Free Health Clinics in NY, SF and LA?" I think that gays in their attempts to be liberated can be suckered into believing anything. Isn't it time to go underground again? We can never trust "straights."

Carl Harte
Fresno, CA

President of France

★ From a couple of reliable sources, it appears that San Francisco shall have the opportunity to welcome a very distinguished friend of the international Gay/Lesbian community, Francois Mitterand, President of France. When he was elected president, he declared without any prodding from French Gays that he would be the strongest friend of their community as President of the Republic. He soon had the opportunity to prove it when the homophobic right-wing archbishop of Strasbourg, Elschninger, cancelled a planned French Gay conference on land owned by the Catholic Church of Alsace. President Mitterand immediately offered Government land and provided much of the logistical support needed for such a conference to be held. His leadership led to lowering of the age of consent for Gays at the same age as it already was for Straights, 15 years. It behooves the Gay/Lesbian Community of Northern California to warmly welcome a valuable friend to San Francisco on or around March 25.

Chers frères et sœurs de la communauté Gaie et Lesbienne de cette région, la visite du Président de la République Française nous offre une merveilleuse occasion d'accueillir un de nos grands amis au monde. Par son administration en tant que Chef du peuple français et par son dévouement aux plus grands principes de la civilisation française, nous avons le devoir heureux et unique d'accueillir M. François Mitterand à la ville de San Francisco vers la fin de mars! Pour renseignements, veuillez téléphoner à 849-3983.

Armand J. Boulay
Berkeley

Help with Film

★ On February 1, 1984 I wrote to you about Falcon Studios not backing their product. That they had not answered my letters about a faulty film which I had received and was trying to get replaced.

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Within three days after Mr. Clayton's call I received my film. I thank you for your help in getting through to Falcon.

Bill Taylor
Palm Desert, CA

Leaning on Leviticus

★ Anyone reading Leviticus, the biblical source of injunction against homosexuality, would soon realize they are exposed to very ancient Jewish tribal codes and ceremonies and dress and dietary restrictions, very few of which are being observed today even among the most fundamental of Christian Churches. Rules for the purchase of slaves even appear!

On this basis it should not be difficult to point out to church folks that they are being highly selective in their choices of what is or is not present day "sin," and further that the pronouncements they choose from predate Christianity by thousands of years.

To my knowledge, Jesus never mentioned homosexuality in the New Testament. Paul, the creator of the Christian Church, appeared many years after the death of Christ and never knew him personally. The historical process of creating a lifestyle set of rules for the new religion appears to have been one of selecting and discarding from among the most ancient of Jewish strictures. It is also interesting to note that with the advent of Jesus' words the personality of the Old Testament God, Himself, was transformed from raging tyrant into a loving Father.

Much that is viciously bigoted in the Christian Church would seem to originate from a thorough confusion over which Testament and which religion one is alternating between.

M. Lucas
San Francisco

The Purposes

★ After reading Tom Bent's response to Jim Geary's letter and the impression it left with him, I want to join the debate, I, too, was put off by Geary's letter and as a Shanti volunteer have found his leadership to be egocentric and rash at times. But I have also been touched by his steady commitment and the sensitivity he brings to the Project, which is a significant source of support and care in many persons' lives now. While I think it is important for Jim to hear the criticism which is currently being directed at him, I also think it is important to recognize that a certain amount of honesty and humanness is being lost in the course of this back and forth dialogue on paper in which people are at a distance from each other that makes reaction likely and communication unlikely.

There are many people inside and outside of Shanti working incredibly hard to respond to the AIDS epidemic in ways that bring more love and strength into our lives. It seems too easy and an injustice to lose sight of this on paper.

Michael Spokane
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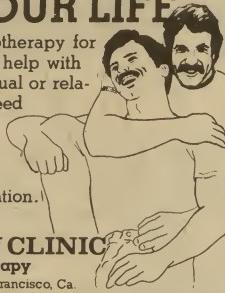
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The Sexual Differences

★ It is with consummate disgust that I consider the recent plot by two women to discredit the male community by trying to prove that the Detour is discriminating against women. This action speaks of the lack of respect and courtesy for things discretely male that women always maintain, though not usually this overtly. It also implies, in keeping with the women's movement's track record of employing as many gross double standards as the "oppressors" they fight, that men having their own space equals discrimination whereas women having their own space equals justice. The message here is really that ultimately men are stronger than women and so don't deserve things like all male clubs. (If women weren't weaker than men how'd they get oppressed in the first place?) I, for one, have never felt men were stronger than women in the final analysis. I also don't feel women are more oppressed in the total life experience.

If women were the underdogs in half as many determining instances as they declare, then things would be different. However, one need only look to the number of exclusively female establishments to see an indicative example of female double standards. I can't even recount all the stories I've heard, including those of my own lesbian sister, of the cruel treatment men have received at Maud's, Amelia's, Peg's Place, etc. And it's not like women are never present in gay bars either. Recently I had to leave The Bear because of the shrill shouting and mega-decibel raucous laughter of two "robust" lesbians watching *The Wizard of Oz*, of all things, on the video. Their noise level far exceeded that of the rest of the men there. Can you see two men behaving similarly in a women's bar? Of course, the poor dears being members of the "oppressed sex" deserve to have allowances made for them. Which is really the cogent point of this whole maneuver at the Detour — it strikes to the heart of the issue of Men's Liberation.

Just a few facts on the so-called advantaged life of men: (1) the largest number of child abuse cases are perpetrated by women against boys; (2) male orphans are adopted less; (3) a woman convicted of first degree murder is a hundred times less likely to get the death penalty than a man; (4) most of the physically disabled are men; (5) most suicides are men; (6) men have the most stress-related diseases; (7) women inculcate in men a feeling that they're unclean, leaving them with debilitating attitudes toward their own bodies and that they have to defer to women for affection; (8) women monopolize relationship-building skills, emotional dynamics, and micro-social structures such as family, leaving men dependent on them for emotional life and security; (9) women have greater mastery of body language and verbal expressiveness — men's voices are more monotone and tight; (10) most people feel more pathos at the death of, or violence to, a woman than a man — male victims of violence being so commonplace; (11) women encourage male violence by conditioning men to fight for them and perform for them. Also, being disadvantaged in the realm of verbal and emotional maneuvering and manipulativeness and unable to respond as often with physical force, men take out most of their women-caused anger on other men.

John Morrison
San Francisco

Beauty and the Beast

★ I would like to make a few comments concerning the letter that was sent in a couple issues ago by John Dowell of Oakland.

First of all, concerning the prejudice against a person's looks. The basic premise here is that you attract what you are. You attract the kind of personality, energy, vibration, etc. that you are emitting, or "giving off." One who is not conducive to your specific qualities is probably not going to be attracted to you. For example, when one takes a class in, say, metaphysics — most of the people in that class are going to be there to study metaphysics. They are not there to learn about cooking. If they wanted to study cooking, they would have taken a class in that subject and be among people interested in learning the same thing.

Gay "society" is well-known for being into beauty, youth, aesthetics, etc. I, personally, see nothing wrong with this, since I am a bit of a "hedonist" myself. This exists in the "straight" community as well. I think it all depends on how progressed an individual is and also on the following qualities: higher consciousness, awareness, sensitivity, intelligence, spirituality, etc. The world is filled with many diverse types of personalities that are on various levels and each of these personalities is into many different things and experiences.

Further, speaking about the Lesbian community. In general, females, whatever their sexual preference, have always been more "human" and spiritually-minded than males. Any sociologist/psychologist will tell you this. I'm sure as an exception to the rule, there are a few males out there who would fall into this category, but generally speaking, males are more physical, lustful, sexual, and aggressive than females.

If a lot of the Gay men in this city did adopt some down-to-earth "human" qualities within themselves, many of them would be quite irresistible and much more attractive than they are now. As it stands, there are many very attractive and beautiful men in this city who are very lonely and miserable because of their "icy" ways and the way they "come off" to others. Step back and take a look at yourself and see how you come across to other people. Then, you might get a glimpse of how you are projecting yourself to others. An attractive person (not man) with no appealing qualities in their personality is just as repellent as a physically ugly person.

Edward Jon Becay
San Francisco

Misunderstood Porno Star



★ Ron Pearson, whom I've always considered the owner of the nicest pair of buns ever to enfold a hot dog, was graciously enough to appear with me in the February issue of *In Touch*. The article concerned an imaginary encounter between a hot young porno star and an annoyingly persistent old troll (we flipped a coin, and Ron got to play the hot young porno star).

In our naivete, Ron and I thought that having the title proclaim the piece to be a "Metosexual Fantasy," and the fact that the storyline concerned my dragging a mattress into the Castro Gardens Cafe and tricking Ron into having sex with me in front of the surprised patrons, would impart to the careful reader the notion that this was a work of fiction. Unfortunately, this does not seem to have been the case.

Ron has been besieged by sympathy calls from friends who seem to have mistaken my modest little spoof for the long-lost Fifth Gospel. Even when assured that the story wasn't true, they've remained outraged that I would dare portray the amiable and polite Ron as a snippy young man who would reply, for example, to the flirtatious sally, "I like a man who's hard to get," with the rude rejoinder, "Well, that's good, Strange, because I'm sure for you they all are."

Ron himself has become concerned that fans will now be hesitant to approach him for fear that they'll be rebuffed and rejected. So let me just make it clear that the entire article was fictional. Why, to the best of my knowledge, Ron didn't even know what attitude was until he read my piece.

Now that's out of the way, I'm happy to report that I'm doing quite well as a student at the Cunnilingus School ("Bottom of the Hill, Daly City") and will soon be fluid in both French Active and French Passive. My friends, I'm afraid, were becoming rather tired of my Ancient Greek.

Strange de Jim
San Francisco

Porn Pitt-Fall

★ As an avid reader of your weekly, somewhat tasteful and together "Gay Rag" I have found it appalling that the last 4 to 5 weeks in a row your quite descriptive "Porn Corner" has disappeared; not to mention any sort of selection featuring hot, hung, horny honchos. The few photos which I last recall were either "Tasteless Porn" or simply a troll proving that his beer belly is larger than his cock! How is one to become turned on when no cock is visible?

So c'mon guys! Get your minds off of just a quick climax! Looks count too! We want to see some "Healthy, hung, handsome" individuals.

As it stands with your "Porn Corner" we've in the recent past beat our meat beyond recognition. But as for myself, it's obvious that the true truth hasn't been seen recently enough — many a stiff prick could prove.

Maniac Misses Meat

Need for More Therapy Skills

★ As a therapist who counsels many people with concerns involving AIDS, I found a need for additional counseling skills involving appropriate sexual restructuring attitudes. It was suggested that I seek classes/information from The Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, Room 414, 1523 Franklin Street.

They have ongoing classes which are open to the public and degree courses also. I urge all therapists or laypeople who are interested, please call them. It was of tremendous help to me.

R. Morales
San Francisco

Castro/Polk/Police, All React to AB-1 News

by Allen White

Literally hundreds of San Francisco police were mobilized in the wake of Governor Deukmejian's announcement on Tuesday. Squads were brought into the Castro and the Civic Center area from all nine police stations in the city. "We were ready for anything," stated police Gay liaison Paul Seidler.



Toklas Demos Dennis Collins (center) and Diana Christensen (r.) last week submitted 1200 postcards to the SF governor's office which they solicited in the Castro asking Deukmejian to sign AB-1. (Photo: Rink)

A command post was set up in the mayor's office at City Hall. Police by the score were located in parking lots and at Northern Station in the area which includes the State Building and the San Francisco office of the governor. In the Castro, police presence was everywhere. By early evening there were uniformed police stationed at Castro and Market. Marked and unmarked police seemed to be everywhere.

Equally as present in the Castro were the television crews. As the six o'clock news went on the air, there were seven crews in the one block from Market to 18th on Castro Street. Hundreds of commuters spilling out of the Muni Metro station were targets for interviewers doing their person-on-the-street news shots.

In other parts of town the news was spreading. At the New Bell on Polk Street, Lyle Murdoch was appalled. He said, "I

thought it would make it through. I think the man has committed political suicide." Murdock is the president of the San Francisco Municipal Court Clerks Association.

At Sukker's Liquors on Polk Street, plans had begun to change their infamous marquee. The management had a message which encouraged people to call Sacramento and ask the governor to sign AB-1. With disgust, the clerk on duty said they were working on the tackiest sign they could create. The favorite as of the early evening was "Duke blows job bill."

At Kimo's, across the street, the bartender went pale when he heard the news. He had been one who had written to Sacramento. He could only say that he was "shocked and disgusted."

As camera crews worked the Castro area, they were finding that most of those interviewed

said that they were not surprised that Deukmejian had vetoed the bill.

In the midst of a crowd of several hundred people on Castro, one person who truly showed shock was attorney Duke Armstrong. Armstrong is a past president of the Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights. He said he was "upset" then followed by simply saying he was "going to stay a Republican."

Officer Paul Seidler of the S.F. Police commented that "the arguments of opposition were the best reasons why we need AB-1."

Police estimated the crowd that marched through the streets at about 500. Others offered estimates as low as 300. The march wound through the Castro, then down Market Street to Van Ness. Marching up Van Ness they circled back over Sacramento Street and down Polk Street to the State Building.

Cleve Jones, Gay aide to Assemblyman Art Agnos — the legislator who introduced AB-1 — said, "I am very disappointed. I have been working on this for many years with Agnos. It is so frustrating to get so far along and then be stopped by a veto. I am honestly surprised. I thought he would sign it."

Jones credited "extraordinary pressure from the fundamentalist Christians" for prompting the governor to veto the bill. "But we will persevere. We will reintroduce the bill and we will win," Jones said.

Sal Rosselli, president of the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, said, "It's hard to express the disappointment I feel. But we came closer than we ever did before, and more of a variety of people supported us than ever before."

Rosselli said, "Now we need to put all our energy into registering people to vote, so that this November, we can defeat the opponents of this bill and help re-elect the supporters."

Paul Boneberg, president of the Stonewall Democratic Club, said, "Sure I was shocked" by the governor's veto. "I would have hoped that he was educated in the past ten years since he led the fight against the Consenting Adults bill. But apparently he wasn't."

What Defeated Us on AB-1

Guy Wright, *San Francisco Examiner*:

"I think the governor should sign the bill, but I only hope that Gays will recognize that with rights come some responsibilities. To be candid, I hope they won't abuse this protection by flaunting their Gayness . . . I hope we won't see a sudden exaggeration of Gay mannerisms or people showing up for work dressed like drag queens . . . Unfortunately, San Francisco's experience on that score isn't very reassuring. Gay political gains here have been characterized by militant exhibitionism, by Gay parades and bacchanals designed to shock the straight community."

Phil Wyman, Assemblyman (R-Tehachapi):

"I informed the governor that as Chair of the Assembly Republican Policy Committee, I have obtained 33 signatures in the Assembly of colleagues requesting that he veto AB-1. This bill would move the state away from a position of neutrality and toward a position of advocacy for homosexuals. We believe that such state policy is opposed by a vast majority of Californians who adhere to the Judeo-Christian principles on which our nation and state were founded."

Don Bierman, Concerned Citizens Business Group:

"It would be necessary under AB-1 for me to build additional bathrooms for Gay men and Gay women because straight persons would not want to share bathrooms with them . . . Gay women would dress like men and Gay men would wear women's dresses. If I said 'No' they would yell discrimination . . . Let's say I hire a very muscular, strong, masculine man. We are stacking 100-pound sacks, but he refuses because a Gay only has to lift 50 pounds. If I fired him he would claim discrimination."

John Whitehead, Orange County Lawyer:

"There are documents going back 400 years that say homosexuality is a sin. Religious groups have consistently opposed homosexuality and if this bill passes we will probably have an argument under the First Amendment, as people have a right to deny employment to homosexuals."

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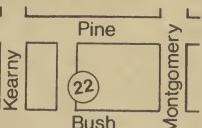
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Marine Gets Four Years for Murder/Mutilation of Gay Man

Homosexual Panic Works for Georgia Athlete

by S. Christopher Hagin

Vista, CA — A 20-year-old Georgia marine was sentenced to four years in prison for voluntary manslaughter on February 10 in the bludgeoning death of a local Gay construction executive, in what the prosecutor called "one of the bloodiest, most gruesome murders ever in San Diego County."

On April 3, 1983, Cpl. Dennis Craig Edenfield went to an Oceanside motel with David G. Smith, 55, subsequent to their meeting in a tavern frequented by Camp Pendleton Marines. After twice leaving and returning to the room, the Marine in a fury battered Smith to death with a table. San Diego County deputy District Attorney Susan Biery claimed the brown-haired Georgian committed the slaying after engaging in "a consensual homosexual act" with his victim; however, Edenfield has given several accounts for his action. At his trial he claimed being frightened into self-protection when he awoke from a drunken stupor to find Smith naked and straddling his shirtless body.

After Oceanside Police traced Edenfield to being in the room, the Marine baker asked homicide detectives, "Is this in regards to that faggot? Because if it is, I can save you a lot of time because I did it."

The Marine corporal admitted, "I hit him. I hit him hard. I hit him with my hands. I hit him with my elbows. I hit him with the table. I hit him good."

Biery alleges the Jesup, GA, native knew his victim was Gay before they went to the Mira Mar Motel. Edenfield claimed Smith "promised" women would be in the room.

After recurrently bashing Smith with the table, Edenfield washed the bludgeoned man's blood from his hands and slender torso and left the gore-drenched room believing his prey still alive. However, he did not seek medical treatment for the Gay man after delivering him a Marine-trained beating.

It is doubtful Smith was alive. Police photographs depict the personnel manager's head to be almost unrecognizable as that of a human being. Edenfield's death weapon caved in the middle-aged Gay man's skull and pulverized his nose. His face was twisted, off center, and disfigured. His eyes exploded. Blood covered three walls, the ceiling, bedding, and the carpet.

Detective Richard Trotter testified he had never seen a body that badly beaten.

Edenfield returned to Camp Pendleton where he told his mess-hall supervisor, Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Fredrickson he "was going to get in trouble for beating up a queer." Fredrickson said, "I told him that in the State of California they're pretty strict on beating up queers."

Edenfield told his boss he went to the motel room because Smith was drunk and he "was afraid he (Smith) might get hurt." The handsome corporal admitted assaulting the Gay executive after returning from the bathroom to find the balding homosexual standing naked near a bed, said Fredrickson.

In defending Edenfield his two attorneys claimed "self-defense" and "justifiable and excusable homicide." Their claims partly succeeded with the jury. Originally jurors found the defendant guilty of second-degree murder, but their foreman, a retired Marine major, emerged

to tell Superior Court Judge Donald Martinson they had reached a verdict, but one or two of the jurors wanted to change their finding. Martinson said a verdict was not final until read in court. The voluntary manslaughter conviction came out of the second balloting of the jurors.

Biery has said their verdict would not have been changed if the victim was heterosexual.

Edenfield has never expressed regret or sorrow for the murder.

But before jury deliberations began, Biery said, "You are not here to take a vote on how many of you like Marines and how many like homosexuals. If you tell this man it was okay to kill Dave Smith because Dave Smith was a homosexual, you might as well sign a death warrant for all other minorities."

William Dougherty, Edenfield's Orange County attorney, told the jury, "We know what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah. That wasn't pretty either."

The defense lawyer further claimed that Edenfield had the right to defend himself from "an attempt to commit a forcible and atrocious crime. The table was the only weapon to keep this man off him."

Martinson disagreed in passing sentence. The judge said the murder was "very brutal and senseless killing" which indicated "a high degree of cruelty and viciousness." He further found, "This matter could have ended easily by simply having the defendant withdraw." Martinson could have sentenced Edenfield to six years in prison.

Martinson received a letter from the sheriff in Edenfield's hometown. Sheriff Jim Poindexter wrote, "If there is any way possible, I would like to help this young man . . . If by any chance that it could be worked out, and he (Edenfield) is sentenced to serve jail time, I would take the responsibility of keeping him in my jail to serve his time . . . We have facilities that I'm right proud of for a small town."

The judge rejected the backwoods sheriff's request. He also rejected probation for the convicted manslayer which was requested by his San Diego attorney, Dan Mogin. Mogin claimed if released on probation his client could seek treatment for alcoholism, a bleeding ulcer, and suicidal tendencies which developed after the murder.

Martinson received 56 letters from friends and family of Edenfield in Georgia. The Atlanta Gay Task Force (AGTF) also sent a letter asking for the maximum sentence and San Diego Gay organizations were present in court.

Citizens of Jesup rallied to the defense of their hometown high school baseball hero. A car was raffled to pay legal fees and bail. Jesup churches passed the offering plate for the young Marine and his family. "Blatant homophobic hatred ran rampant in Jesup for over a year. If an open Gay man would have gone to that town, he would have been clubbed to death," said a Gay former resident now living in

Atlanta.

Freshman Democratic U.S. Rep. Lindsay Thomas wrote Martinson, "Dennis's home town is Jesup, a small south Georgia community rural and stable in its population and one in which there is no known homosexuality, which is considered abhorrent and offensive . . .

"The entire community has felt a shockwave of anger and concern over the legal troubles of Dennis . . . There is a sense of disappointment at the verdict in this case," said Thomas.

Thomas, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, wrote a constituent, "I have been working with the Marines to see that Dennis and his family are receiving any support that the Marines can offer." It has been charged by a person close to the case that Thomas has "leaned on Marine officials" to assure Edenfield "of preferential treatment." It is "extremely rare" for the Marine Corps to become involved in a civil criminal case said the prosecutor's office, but they helped seek bail reduction for the indicted recruit.

Biery said after the Marine was released on bail, he was arrested for shoplifting from a PX, drunk driving, and assaulting a superior officer at Camp Pendleton, but the Marine Corps has not brought charges against him.

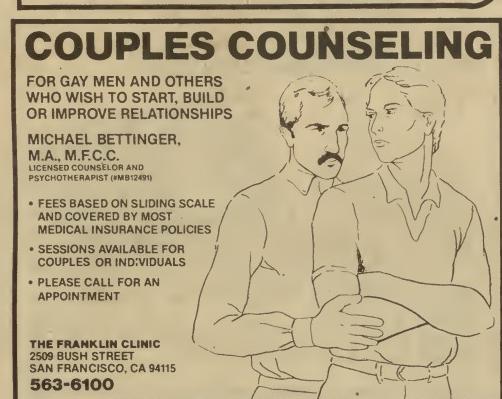
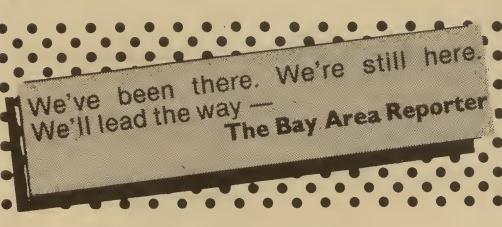
A spokesperson for Marine Commandant P.X. Kelley would not discuss or comment on the case. Edenfield's future with the Corps is unknown.

U.S. Reps. Sala Burton (D-CA), Gerry Studds, (D-MA), and several other congresspersons are investigating the possibility Edenfield received special treatment and to encourage the Marine Corps to court-martial the convicted Gay murderer for violations of military justice after release from state prison.

AGTF wrote Martinson, "Edenfield was raised in Jesup, Georgia. A town known for its homophobic and bigoted attitudes. The residents there provided the funds for Edenfield's defense, not because of his standing in the community, but according to a deputy sheriff to tell them California fruits it's okay to kill them damn queers." The people of Jesup might consider it all right to kill Gay people, but that is perverted justice. Do not let San Diego County's justice become morally polluted like red-neck Jesup's. Racism, bigotry and homophobia are bred into Jesup children. A majority of Georgians condemn the act of Dennis Edenfield."

AGTF wrote, "Some persons are raised to believe 'fag-bashing' is permitted. It simply is not, and as a judge you must deliver that message. We have the right to expect our violators to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

The Atlanta group encourages people to write the Commanding General, Camp Pendleton, CA 92055, to insist the Gay slayer be prosecuted on violations of military justice after being released from state prison and/or give him a dishonorable discharge. ■



Atlas S&L Has Big \$ Year

According to Atlas Savings & Loan board chairman John Schmidt, the nation's first Gay bank had an extraordinary year.

Assets of the corporation increased from \$21 million in December 1982 to \$96 million in December 1983. In a "Statement of the bank's condition" the directors revealed that Atlas earned a before-tax profit of close to a million and a half dollars. Net profit as of December 31, 1983 was \$1,010,680 or

\$6.32 per share. According to stock analysts that is a P/E ratio (price/earnings) of 3.5 (the lower the ratio the better a stock's value).

The bank also announced in a letter to stockholders that construction of the new building at 444 Castro is underway. This site — which is hoped for a summer completion date — will be Atlas' corporate headquarters. 444 Castro will house a full branch office (complete with two auto-

matic teller machines and extensive merchant service areas). The loan division (which since December 1982 has granted close to \$73 million in loans) will remain at the Market-Duboce branch because of the convenient parking lot.

The bank's directors are also still awaiting approval from the California Commissioner of Savings and Loans of their 1983 announcement of a 3 for 2 stock



Workmen lay the foundation to the Atlas S & L building in the heart of the Castro. (Photo: Rink)

The Convention War of Signs

Gay Billboards



Russ Alley has secured the two-week use of a billboard across from the Hilton Hotel to welcome convention delegates to San Francisco. (Photo: Rink)

(Continued from page 1)

date, over a half-dozen local and national Gay organizations have endorsed a "National March for Lesbian/Gay Rights" during the week of the convention. Planners of the march anticipate participation by tens of thousands of people.

Public protests are not Russ Alley's style. He says, "Demonstrations for the sake of demonstrating are passe." He seriously questions their effectiveness. He believes he is not alone.

Earlier this month he and some friends came up with the idea of a billboard. Alley went to Rich Vikencio, the manager of the posting department at Foster & Kleiser. The company agreed to donate the space for the billboard. The site allocated is on Taylor Street across the street from the West entrance to the

Hilton Hotel, the headquarters of the Democratic Party. It is almost impossible to exit the hotel or drive up Taylor Street without seeing the billboard.

Alley acknowledges people's right to demonstrate but makes a strong point that he also has the right to "put in his two cents worth." Alley says that the country will be misled about the city's Gay community if all they focus upon are "numbs and crazies who want to demonstrate." "They aren't all crazy," he says, "but they don't represent me." He became incensed at the suggestion that those planning the demonstration represented the whole Gay community. He said, "How dare those people say they represent me!"

Alley, 26, believes his generation of Gays will not be the core

of those demonstrating. He described the planned march at the convention as a "generic Gay march." To counter what he believes will be a negative reaction to the demonstrators, he says he wants to offer the television cameras a more positive note. "Demonstrations are not our operating procedure," he says.

He points to growing support since word of the billboard got out. Following a newspaper announcement last week, he said he received over fifty phone calls in a 24-hour period. He has had donations of talent, and he claims he has received substantial support from people who he describes as basically non-political.

While Russ Alley pursues his efforts, the demonstrators are also hard at work. To date they have garnered endorsements from every Gay Democratic political club in San Francisco, the Gay Labor Alliance, Black & White Men Together, and the powerful National Gay Task Force. Friday night they will hold their first fundraiser, a cocktail party at the home of Sutro Baths owner Bill Jones.

Similarly, the impact of billboards has not been lost on the marchers. They, too, were planning their own visual splash.

Tuesday the media committee of the Convention March put out a call inviting artists to "create a logo and other artwork to be used in publicizing the march on billboards and posters."

The ad hoc committee promises that the artist's name will be prominently displayed wherever the graphics are used. No fee is promised, but the accepted artist's production expenses will be reimbursed. Artists are given a month to submit their designs. The committee, however, offered no hint of what the marchers' message would be or where it would be placed.

Their billboard message will be decided upon at their next meeting.

Compiled by Allen White and Paul Lorch.



Artist's sketch of the first floor and banking facilities of Atlas S & L's new Castro facility.

split. Other news of Atlas is that with the 444 Castro headquarters costing a projected \$2 million, the directors are contemplating a new stock issue to raise revenue, rather than taking the costs from existing revenues. Also, reported is the securing of a downtown site (in the financial district) which will be made

public before the end of the month. Bank spokes people could not reveal the exact location at this time.

Other news is that when 444 Castro is completed, Atlas will close the 18th Street branch with the bank purchased from United Federal Savings & Loan. ■

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It's being hailed as a marketing revolution. From the opening of a store warehouse located on a business street in San Francisco proclaiming the grand opening of the Torino Imports Wholesale Price Club of consumer electronics, gifts and novelties.

"This is the modern way for the people—the consumers—to buy a product at the lowest prices," said Emmet Nicolai, Director of The Club. "A membership club that allows members to buy at dealer or wholesale prices. It's a different approach to merchandising," added Nicolai.

According to Nicolai people are ready for the wholesale pricing idea. We started out a year ago advertising mostly small electronic goods, watches, calculators, walkmans, etc. but later expanded to TV's, stereos, phones, video recorders, gifts and novelties.

Torino Imports offers the consumer an incredible discount on the goods after they purchase a membership in the buying club. "If you're a dealer you own your own business—you can buy at dealer cost, or below, that's a dealer membership. An individual can buy at five percent over dealer cost plus tax."

What is the secret to the success of the consumer direct business? "To make the membership have value, you must offer value," Nicolai said.

Checking to see how low the prices are, I found a Pocket Credit Card Watchman for \$14.08, a Burglar Alarm System \$4.31, Fashion Design Folding Glasses \$2.61, Ultra-Thin Gentleman's Quartz Watch with Leather Strap \$3.93 and many more savings on Telephones, Car Stereos, TV's, Videos, Home Appliances and Auto Accessories. It was amazing. I asked the natural question, "How can you do it?" And Nicolai replied, "Due to our volume buying and large turnover of merchandise we can give the consumer more for his money."

Whatever the reason, the idea of giving the product to the customer at nearly Factory-Direct prices has caught on in a big way. Nicolai says his business has been contacted by many large retail concerns who want to participate as establishment members in the Torino Wholesale Price Club.

"Our goal is to bring the consumers and established business a large diversified selection of consumer electronics, watches, gifts and novelties at Rock-Bottom Wholesale Prices," said Nicolai.

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Gay Scholarship

The Gay and Lesbian Educational Services Committee (GLES) and the Asian Coalition (AC) of the San Francisco Community College District are co-sponsoring a scholarship fundraiser for students on March 30 at City College of San Francisco.

GLES hopes that the Gay and Lesbian business community, as well as other businesses in the Gay community, will support this event by donating muniches or "more serious" food items.

This is a way for Gay businesses to thank their patrons and, at the same time, support a valuable educational effort.

Your contribution is tax-deductible. For more information contact Sava Ramisajevic at SF Community Colleges, 239-3095.

Over 30's Discussion

San Francisco: A City for Lovers? will be the Discussion Group topic of Professionals Over 30/San Francisco on Tuesday, March 20, at 8 PM sharp, at the Pride Center, 890 Hayes Street at Fillmore. The open forum will evaluate the pros and cons; the attractions and distractions; their effects and defects in nurturing a lover-relationship in The City. Bring your lover or a friend and share your thoughts and experiences on this broad and lively topic. Reservations are not required, since The Pride Center can handle a large group. If you have any questions, call Stan at 826-4725.

Information on Pros 30 can be obtained by writing to Tom James at Box 421161, San Francisco 94142.

Black & White Dance

Black And White Men Together/San Francisco is proud to present at First Unitarian Church, Franklin and Geary Streets, its Gala Spring Affair — When A Young Man's Fancy . . .

Come join the festivities on Saturday, March 24 from 8 PM until Midnight. There will be dancing to the music played by our DJ Chuck and refreshments served from our no-host bar.

Admission will be \$3 for BWMT members and \$6 for non-BWMT members, however, we will be giving nonmembers a break by offering free discount passes worth \$2 off the admission price. These discount passes may be obtained through BWMT members, at BWMT's weekly meeting; at All American Boy, 463 Castro Street in San Francisco, or at All American Mail Service at 2269 Market Street. Further information can be obtained by calling Jim or George at (415) 563-2443.

Red Hearts Social

This month Red Hearts will meet on Saturday, March 10, 7 p.m. at 4526 20th St. (near Eureka). If you are a leftist Gay man who enjoys good food, drink, and conversation, please come and join our social group. Twenty-five to 30 men usually show up at these informal gatherings and there are always many newcomers. Bring food or drink to share and come spend an enjoyable evening. For more information or directions call 431-1059.

Community Advisory Board Elections

The District 1 Community Advisory Board (CAB) of Mission Mental Health Center is seeking candidates to fill several vacant seats. The CAB is made up of community members chosen by a public election for two-year terms. The CAB's purpose is to review, evaluate, and advocate for mental health needs and services within District 1, which includes the Inner Mission, Potrero Hill, Castro, Noe Valley, Glen Park, Mt. Davidson, and City College neighborhoods. For additional information please contact: Joan Stieber, Coordinator; Community Advisory Board; Mission Mental Health Center, 2940 16th St., Room 319; San Francisco 94103; phone 558-2564.

The readings will cover a variety of topics, ranging from aging in a youth-oriented society, to having sex in a Gay bathhouse, to acceptance of one's Gayness as an older person, to the excitement of being old enough to "let it all hang out."

The work was written in a writing workshop, sponsored by GLOE, which is run by local playwright George Birimisa, whose plays have been produced nationally. Theatre Rhinoceros produced his play *Pogey Bait* during their 1982 season.

Robert Sidney, a well-known screen writer and Broadway actor, will be featured as master of ceremonies.

Admission for the event will be \$3 or donation. The money raised from this event will be earmarked for publication of a book of the writings of the GLOE Writing Workshop.

GLOE is funded by a grant from the San Francisco Commission on the Aging and, in part, by the GGBA Foundation. GLOE provides a range of services for Lesbians and Gay men over the age of 60 who live in S.F. For further information contact Stafford Buckley at 626-7000.

Lamble Interviews on KPFA



A scene from the film *Strangers Kiss* to be discussed on David Lamble's new radio show.

dinary American kid to Superman. Listener call-ins are invited at (415) 848-4425.

Also on the program David Lamble will interview by phone from Los Angeles, San Francisco actor Peter Coyote about his starring role as the Director in Matthew Chapman's film within a film spoof *Strangers Kiss*. Coyote's character manipulates the affections of his leading actors towards each other for the purposes of heating up the on-screen romance. *Strangers Kiss* was filmed against the background of underworld violence and boxing.

Lesbian Work at OC

Operation Concern is offering a Separation and Survival group for Lesbians dealing with separation from an intimate relationship. The group will meet for ten weeks, on Wednesdays, 7:30

to 9 p.m., beginning March 14. Intakes begin immediately. Sliding scale. Contact Chris or Robin at Operation Concern, 626-7000 v/tty. Wheelchair accessible.

A GAY VIEW FROM WASHINGTON

Part IV of Four Parts

'84 Will Test Gay Clout and Community

In the Movement

by Larry Bush

This is the final segment on what to expect in the Gay movement through the rest of 1984.

The top story of the year may be the emergence of a noticeable Gay Republican effort. Reagan-Bush campaign officials have asked for Gay participation in Washington, D.C., California Republicans such as former Los Angeles Police Chief Ed Davis are making a sincere effort to open discussions with Gay activists and Gay Republicans, the Houston Gay Political Caucus may well stop short of a presidential endorsement this year in deference to its Republican members (who likely will be an active caucus on their own in Texas Republican circles), and individual Gay Republicans in Pennsylvania and New York are becoming bolder about publicly raising Gay issues within the Republican Party.

An extra incentive in one area will be the re-election campaign of Rep. Bill Green (R-NY), the Manhattan Gay rights bill co-sponsor who serves on the appropriations committee where he has pushed AIDS funding, and who will face a strong Democratic challenge from a Gay rights supporter. Green plans to be at the Republican National Convention in Dallas raising issues such as the ERA, and Gay Republicans at the convention surely will seek him out as an ally. In 1980, Green's district gave Reagan the lowest vote of any district which elected a Republican Congress, and it's clear Reagan's feelings won't affect Green's chances — unless Reagan makes some gestures toward Gays which help Green.

Among Gay Democrats, expect the effort to be primarily local, with little sense that there is one national voice for Gay Democrats. While Gay Democrats nominally formed a National Association of Lesbian and Gay Democratic Clubs, only about a dozen of the 100 or so eligible clubs have joined, and its Board of Directors has done little to meet its fundraising commitment. Director Tom Chorlton is credited by Gays in some states, such as North Carolina, with being a prime mover in helping get them organized, and while he is talking with most of the national campaigns, there are too many powerful Gay Democrats who want to keep their own hand in to allow any one person to be Mr. Gay Democrat. Look for a mostly tape-and-paste work here, with an effective national alliance still some distance away. A major ingredient still lacking, for example, is an accurate and timely ability to simply document the participation of Gay Democrats at the local level, where successes are often remarkable. In 1982, when the group was just being launched, that was perhaps too much to expect, but by 1984, with a presidential election, it would be valuable to have handy information on each club, its past record at raising money and putting campaign workers out, and the precincts it has identified.

Among national Gay civil rights groups, the National Gay Task Force has regained the drive and innovative approach to problem-solving that put it in the spotlight under the direction of Bruce Voeller, later joined by Jean O'Leary. New director Virginia Apuzzo is now 19 months into the job and has solidified such programs as the Violence Reporting Project, which uses local groups to collect data on

anti-Gay incidents that had previously been merely anecdotal; inaugurated an AIDS hotline and trained federal employees on how to handle calls on their AIDS hotline; re-established contacts with Washington and put in place there Jeff Levi, an effective rep able to deal with the Reagan Administration; and announced a job opening for a media director, the first since the days of Voeller and O'Leary, when Ginny Vida did an outstanding job and Ron Gold provided outstanding analysis of media opportunities. The Task Force in the coming year can be expected to keep a focus on the national political arena, including lobbying such groups as the U.S. Conference of Mayors (which may vote to endorse a Gay rights resolution at its June meeting). The Task Force also is expected to take an active role lobbying congressional committees which provide oversight on the Administration programs where NGTF is lobbying. AIDS is the most important example.



NGTF's Virginia Apuzzo last week testified against Meese's Attorney General nomination.

The Gay Rights National Lobby still has a staff working in Washington, D.C., and a major resource in its field coordinators who are committed to opening doors in Congress through their local representative. The Board, however, is at a virtual standstill in resolving the problems that led to the departure of Steve Endean. Various board committees have backed off any serious examination of how Gay interests are represented in Washington, how Congress works and how Gays should aim their lobbying efforts (is building the number of co-sponsors of a federal Gay rights bill more effective than

building relationships with individual committees overseeing programs that might be amended to include Gays now?), or even how the group itself meshes with other Gay organizations. Some GRNL board members have sought to dismiss those issues as simply a code phrase for a merger with the National Gay Task Force, and have leapt to the conclusion that a merger inevitably means a take-over; comparisons with mergers in the newspaper field, for example, where morning and afternoon papers share the same production and advertising staffs, but have different news and editorial staffs, completely fall outside the discussions they have been willing to make public.

Expect that the issues which have been nagging GRNL this past year will continue, resulting in major difficulty finding a suitable replacement for Endean.

CONCLUSION

Some wild cards remain that could substantially affect the fortunes of Gays in 1984. Clearly the most compelling concern is AIDS. It remains equally possible for the AIDS issue to turn into a more political and ugly issue than it has been, or for some breakthrough in the disease itself.

The U.S. Supreme Court, which now has taken a Gay loitering case under advisement, could also spring a major surprise. The decision on that case is due by June, and could come even earlier. An outside chance exists that the Court could make a major pronouncement on whether Gays have constitutionally protected privacy rights at all. The U.S. Supreme Court also now has been petitioned to hear arguments on the anti-Gay immigration exclusion. Another major opinion is possible. Lower court rulings on military discharges also are expected this year.

In 1983 the American Bar Association narrowly defeated a proposal in the House of Delegates to endorse Gay civil rights protections. Supporters have pledged to bring the issue to the floor again this year, sometime in July. Among those backing the proposal publicly is the American Bar Association president, who also happens to be a conservative Republican supporting Reagan.

The major wild cards, however, are what they have been from year to year — the unexpected episodes of discrimination or — perhaps increasingly — an end to discrimination by some cities. Police crackdowns, pitches to hate during campaigns, employers who feel threatened when an employee comes out, Lesbian mothers forced to stop everything in their lives simply to fight to be part of the life of the child they brought into the world. Any of those episodes, predictable in general terms, could erupt onto the national scene under the right circumstances.

More importantly, the resoluteness of Gay people to continue to work to make life fairer for themselves and the people they love, the drive to connect with each other and form a community of shared concerns and shared goals, also has the potential to erupt into a major story. Much of the decade and more since Stonewall has been the story of individuals whose heroism was in saying simply that human dignity insisted that they stand firm for themselves. Such specific events in 1984 can't be predicted; but they can't be said to be a surprise when they occur. ■

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The Ascorbate Strategy

Part II: Ascorbate Treatment Protocol for AIDS Patients

by Robert F. Cathcart, III

The following protocol is recommended for AIDS and AIDS related conditions including lymphadenopathy, idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura, and Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia.

As predicted, AIDS patients are usually capable of ingesting large doses of ascorbate. It is desirable that the amount of ascorbate taken orally be maximized. Patients are titrated to bowel tolerance (the amount that almost, but not quite, causes diarrhea). A balanced ascorbate mixture is utilized which is made up of a mixture of approximately 25% buffered ascorbate salts (calcium, magnesium, and potassium ascorbate) and 75% ascorbic acid. The mixture is dissolved in a small amount of water and taken at least every hour. The purpose of the frequent doses and this balanced mixture is to maximize the amount of ascorbate tolerated without producing diarrhea. Patients are permitted to vary the percentage of ascorbate salts to straight ascorbic acid according to taste. The usual amount tolerated initially is between 40 and 100 grams per 24 hours. Doses in excess of 100 grams per 24 hours may be necessary with secondary bacterial and viral infections. As the patient's condition improves, bowel tolerance will decrease.

When intravenous ascorbate is found necessary because the toxicity of the condition exceeds the ability of the patient to take adequate amounts of ascorbate to scavenge all of the free radicals created by the primary AIDS infection and the various secondary infections, the following intravenous solutions should be utilized. Sodium ascorbate buffered to a pH 7.4 and without preservatives is added to sterile water in a concentration of 60 grams per 500 cc. This concentration is twice the concentration I have recommended before because it is well tolerated in young males with large veins. Patients with small veins may be best treated with solutions of 60

grams per liter. The time of the infusions should be over at least a 3-hour period, preferably longer. As much as daily administration of 3 bottles, 180 grams per 24 hours, may be necessary in acutely ill patients, e.g. Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, disseminated herpes, disseminated cytomegalovirus, and atypical pneumonia. Enough ascorbate should be administered to detoxify the patient regardless of the amount needed. Additionally, oral doses of ascorbate should be taken simultaneously with the intravenous ascorbate. *Do not let the patients become lazy and discontinue bowel tolerance doses of ascorbate while the intravenous as-*

corbate is being administered.

Intestinal Parasites

If the AIDS patient has intestinal parasites, he must be treated for them. There is a very high percentage of male homosexuals infected with intestinal parasites. These intestinal parasites are themselves very immunosuppressive. The prognosis for an AIDS patient is greatly enhanced by proper treatment of these parasites. *Entamoeba histolytica*, especially, and *Giardia lamblia* must be treated. Intestinal parasites, ordinarily considered non-pathogens, should be treated. If negative, repeated stool examinations for ova and parasites should be taken if there is the slightest clinical sign of intestinal parasite infection. Samples should be fresh, not over $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour old. Laxatives may increase chances of discovering the parasites. Additional samples may be taken through a sigmoidoscope if other specimens are negative for ova and parasites. With treatment, Herxheimer's reactions should be expected frequently. Symptoms, including Kaposi's lesions, may be exacerbated, despite the ascorbate, during treatment for intestinal parasites.

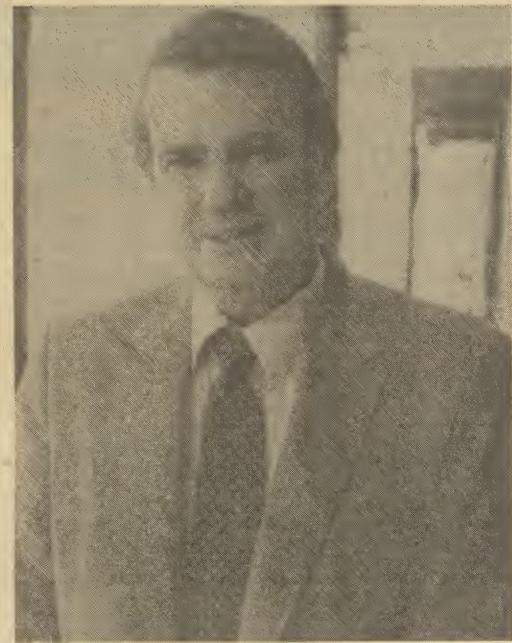
Candida Albicans

Candida should be sought and treated. It should be emphasized to patients that they owe it to themselves and society to treat the Candida consistently because of the possibility of breeding resistant strains. The possibility of Candida in the gut, esophagus, mouth, sinuses, skin, etc. should be considered. In patients who clinically appear to have Candida but in whom Candida cannot be cultured, sensitivities to Candida should be suspected and treatment of especially the bowel should be considered. Herxheimer's reactions, when antibiotics against Candida are employed, should be considered one indication that Candida is a problem. In these sensitive patients, foods and vitamins containing yeasts should be avoided. Lactobacillus in large amounts should be fed to these patients in an attempt to normalize bowel flora. Sugar and refined carbohydrates should be avoided because Candida thrives on them.

There is a high incidence of food and chemical sensitivities associated with Candida sensitivities and Candida must be suspected whenever such sensitivities are discovered.

Food and Chemical Sensitivities

Food and chemical sensitivities, both IgE mediated allergies and enzymatic deficiency allergies (EDAS), are common because of the disorders of the immune system and the severe stress imposed by the AIDS syndrome. This increased incidence of sensitivities may be associated



Dr. Robert F. Cathcart, III (Photo: Rink)

bate administration should be intensified during treatment for bacterial infections. Intravenous ascorbate may be necessary.

Viral infections should be treated with intensification of the ascorbate treatment. Intravenous ascorbate may become necessary. Herpes infections may benefit from applying a paste of ascorbate and water applied four times a day directly to the lesions starting when the patient first perceives an impending attack.

Immunosuppressive therapy should not be utilized.

Sugar and processed foods, foods with chemicals, recreational drugs, cigarettes, alcohol, etc. should be avoided. Obvious nutritional deficits should be sought and corrected.

All sharing of body fluids and fecal material should stop. Repeated exposures, not only to possible AIDS infection, but to the secondary infections, especially intestinal parasites and Candida should be avoided.

Helper/Suppressor Cell Ratio

With this protocol, it may be anticipated that a large percentage of patients will slowly go into an extended clinical remission. Patients must be on guard to sense any impending infection, colds, etc. The patient should begin the additional large frequent doses of ascorbate within minutes. At the dose levels that have been possible under circumstances imposed, a slow improvement of the total number of T-lymphocytes may occur but helper/suppressor cell ratios may remain suppressed. It appears that ascorbate may assist the immune system, but that in addition, there are mechanisms whereby ascorbate acts against pathogens, especially viruses and bacteria by mechanisms which do not depend on the T-cells. For this reason, I would suggest using the ascorbate portion of this protocol on children who have to be permanently isolated from the slightest exposure to infections (bubble babies).

Ascorbate and the Possible Prevention of AIDS

Morishige has demonstrated the effectiveness of ascorbate in preventing hepatitis B from blood transfusions. A similarity exists between AIDS and hepatitis B. It has been my experience that patients treated with large doses of ascorbate during the

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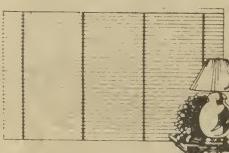
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POLITICS AND POKER

**Harry Britt —
After Five Years**

WAYNE FRIDAY

Harry Britt, having recently completed five full years on the Board of Supervisors, already has his campaign for re-election going full swing. Britt, who took office in January of 1979, having been appointed by Mayor Dianne Feinstein to complete the term of the late Harvey Milk, was then elected to a term in the old 5th District, and subsequently won a full term, running citywide, in November of 1980, placing sixth in a field of over 30 candidates. I sat down with Supervisor Britt over drinks at the New Bell Saloon the other day and in a period of a couple of hours touched on a number of subjects. Britt, a native of Port Arthur, Texas, and a former Methodist minister, has a record of involvement in progressive politics and was one of many considered by Feinstein upon the death of Milk. Britt's service on the Board has been marked by controversy, political wrangling with traditional City Hall types, and he has, at times, been the subject of criticism even from members of the constituency he tries most hard to represent, the city's large and diversified Gay community. Through it all, Harry Britt seems to have grown immensely — he has built a political career in five short years that now encompasses not only the large part of the Lesbian and Gay community, but the influential Asian community, the Black community, and other minorities as well. A public figure who seemingly gets more than his share of publicity, Britt is given credit, even by his political detractors, for having built up a political coalition in San Francisco to be reckoned with. The result is that Harry Britt is expected to be one of those incumbent supervisors thought to be in little trouble winning re-election this November. Although Britt is reluctant to talk about them, I know of at least two reliable polls showing Britt coming in third behind Molinari and Kopp. Harry's re-election campaign will be managed by Dick Pabich, well-known political consultant who was once a political manager of Harvey Milk and later Milk's City Hall aide. Pabich pointed out to me over the weekend that even he is surprised at the diversity of those asking to help Britt's re-election bid this year ("people who in the past would have nothing to do with Harry" are offering money and time, Pabich says). Among the issues Supervisor Britt discussed with me were:

The AIDS Crisis: There is nothing about the AIDS crisis that says we should be less sexual. There are changes we must make in our behavior if we're going to survive; that doesn't, however, mean we should be less sexual — only more creative about our sexuality. Creative sexual behavior is hardly a new idea for Gay men, and there are many ways we can enjoy one another's bodies, touching, arousing, and having sex without the dangerous exchange of body fluids. This should be a time of real erotic exploration. Hell, we need more, not less, sexual pleasure; more, not less, being together physically. The emphasis should not be on what we have to give up, but on our ability to maximize our sexual gratification while at the same time minimizing our risk of contracting AIDS. An important part of the message of our movement is that sexual pleasure is worth fighting for; that message does not need to change. Wayne, all

our lives we've heard that we mustn't do things we want to do because they're wrong; now we are hearing another "no," but it's coming from a different place — from doctors, some of them Gay like ourselves, whose only interest is saving our lives. We must be mature enough to distinguish between the two messages, to continue to fight with all our energy against moralistic attacks from without, while at the same time responding intelligently to good advice from our own doctors and leaders."

On the lingering question of closing the bathhouses, Britt told me, "I don't think closing the bathhouses will keep our friends from getting AIDS, but something truly has to be done — very quickly. For the government to come in and say you cannot congregate in a place is really not the answer — except, possibly, in an extreme emergency." Britt indicated, however, that he thought possibly some of the bathhouses could maybe be a little more helpful in educating their customers as to the hazards of contracting AIDS, but concluded, "I really don't think that closing the bathhouses is the solution, Wayne."

His Relationship with Dianne Feinstein: "My relationship with the mayor has certainly had its ups and downs, but Mayor Feinstein and I are getting along very well. We have some very good mutual friends, and there is a level on which the mayor and I are actually very good friends. On the other hand, there have been times when I felt that I had to choose between my loyalty to the mayor and my loyalty to the Gay community. Police misconduct, violence against Gays, Domestic Partners legislation, and other issues of importance to Lesbians and Gays, have, at times, divided us sharply. This year with the Convention coming to the city and the need to get rid of Ronald Reagan, I believe Dianne and I will work together very well. There is a strong sense in the city and especially in our own community, that we should try to put aside internal differences. Certainly the leadership of our community is committed to that and will be working closely with Mayor Feinstein. Also, I think Dianne is taking a lot of heat on the stadium issue; I support her on this and a lot of the criticism she is taking is, I feel, really unfair; I'm on the mayor's side on this one and she is taking more than her share of cheap shots and some of those she thinks are her friends should really be getting behind her on this one. Dianne and I are getting along well, and I consider her a friend."

Another political leader that Harry speaks well of is Supervisor John Molinari, thought to be in a tough race for first place with Quentin Kopp in November to become president of the Board. Britt said, "In 1980 there was a two-way fight as well for the top spot on the Board between Jack and Kopp, and Supervisor Molinari received overwhelming support at that race from the Lesbian and Gay voters. Certainly that support was well-deserved and Jack's record of support for our community is solid, and I consider the personal relationship I have with Jack to be among the most valuable in my political life."

Britt, like many others in California, an early supporter of the Cranston for President can-



Harry Britt will seek a second city-wide term in November. In 1980 he placed sixth. (Photo: Rink)

didacy, indicated to me some time ago that if, as many suspected, the Cranston bid failed to catch on, he was looking for someone other than Walter Mondale. Upon Cranston's withdrawal, Britt quickly turned to Gary Hart and says that he believes the Colorado senator can go all the way. "There is no group of people who stand to gain more from Gary Hart's success than Lesbians and Gay men. For the first time there is real hope, indeed confidence, that we can get rid of Reagan. In terms of everything from AIDS funding to passage of national Gay legislation, that is essential to our future. I don't really see Walter Mondale defeating Reagan, but Hart could possibly be the one to do it. We (Gays and Lesbians) are well-represented from top to bottom of the Hart campaign and will certainly play a key role in his administration, if he wins. I would not be supporting Gary Hart if I were not convinced he would be responsive to our political agenda. His campaign is already attracting the political constituencies we worked so well with in the Kennedy campaign. Gary Hart's election would be a key turning point in American history and will do more to bring us into the political mainstream than anything else I can think of. I intend to work hard for Hart's nomination and election."

When questioned about his own political agenda, Britt says: "By now our community has learned very well how to use our office in City Hall. Thousands of Lesbians and Gay men have called our office for help with every imaginable problem, and it's a good feeling, Wayne, to be in a position to sometimes help, particularly when AIDS is rippling us apart. I really feel that all the tough political work that goes into holding on to the seat Harvey gained for is worthwhile. Probably the best way I can be of help to our community, however, is through the relationships I have been able to form politically. Having a position of power within the system makes it possible to work with a lot of non-Gay groups to develop real political effectiveness. It is really these relationships, not our members, that constitute our strength. Every single time I am able to accomplish something for small businesses, or seniors, or any of the dozens of groups I work with politically, some political benefit

accrues to the Gay community. I really feel very strong politically, and every ounce of that strength is available to Lesbians and Gay men. The team that worked with Harvey Milk has stayed together, and I am grateful for that, and literally hundreds of others have joined us. I'm extremely proud of what we have been able to accomplish working together. Over the next year a major part of my work will deal with neighborhood preservation. Castro and the Haight are two neighborhoods going through changes that require a lot of leadership; in both cases, Gays are providing a major part of that leadership. The South of Market Gay scene is facing a major crisis, as larger scale development radically changes land-use alternatives. Our community has a lot at stake in that part of the city. Another part of this job I feel is vital to seek more funding for Gay programs; we have been successful in helping to get public monies for CUAV, Operation Concern, Pride, Gay seniors, and many AIDS-related organizations, but we still receive far less than our share of funds and much work remains to be done there."

Bring up the question of where our community has been and where he expects to see us going and Britt says, "I have been in a fairly good position to observe our community, in all its many forms, over the last few years. We should take a lot of pride in the way Lesbians and Gay men are moving out of our ghettos and assuming real leadership in our city. Gay organizations, which used to be mainly support groups, are increasingly establishing a proud and assertive presence in mainstream society. Instead of merely learning to survive in a homophobic world, we are making a real difference in that world. Dignity and the Gay Jewish organization are outstanding examples of groups that really are making strong statements. What GGBA has established in the business world is extraordinary, and there are hundreds of examples of Gay leadership in teaching the "straight" world how to deal with us. Despite the immediate problems we face, those problems so obvious to all of us, I see our leadership becoming more and more important in this city, and I think one day we will all be better off for it — our community and our city as well."

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Don't invite Lia Belli and Milton Marks to the same Bar Mitzvah. Emotions are really starting to heat up in this one and it's only March. • Belli tells me she is looking for a new campaign manager, and money should be no problem for either Belli or Marks in their Senate battle. Lia comes from a wealthy family and even some of Marks' longtime supporters were astounded to learn last week, via the reports filed with the state, of Milton's millions — the *LA Times* reported last week that Marks is the wealthiest member of the State Senate (would you believe \$6 million?). And the other San Francisco legislators are not going hungry either.

Everywhere I go these days people are speculating that Hart can beat Mondale — and Reagan! And this guy was a mere

The Moral Majority's Jerry Falwell telling CNN's Evans & Novak show last week that he is a true Reaganiite, espousing the proposed prayer constitutional amendment. Falwell attacked Gary Hart because "his voting record is even more liberal than Mondale's." • Mike Bernick and Walter Caplan among the Jewish activist supporters of Supervisor Molinari who are giving a \$50 fundraiser-reception for Molinari "in recognition of his many years of service to their community" at the home of Harriet Levy and Bruce Raful, 962 Clayton, on Thursday, March 29 (5:30-7:30, 788-4373 for info). • Mary O'Shea is managing the re-election campaign of Judge Al Wollenberg. Wollenberg, the only judge with opposition, is not expected to have much difficulty winning re-election.

To the surprise of just about anyone who has read his col-



Milton Marks' challenger Lia Belli — reportedly this week looking for a new campaign manager. (Photo: Rink)



State Senator Milton Marks and his wife Carolene at a recent Gay reception. The couple, in their intimate campaign fashion of being everywhere, are gearing up to ward off their first serious challenge in years. (Photo: Rink)

2% in the polls a short time ago (brings back memories of The Candidate with Robert Redford); shows that a healthy head of hair can help take you a long way in national politics (but don't ask Alan Cranston). • Singer Michael Jackson's mother Katherine telling *Time* magazine in next week's edition that "Michael isn't Gay; it's against his religion." Mrs. Jackson told *Time*, with straight face and all, that Michael is a devout Jehovah's Witness, even does "door-to-door field service once or twice a week and attends Kingdom Hall meetings four times a week" (well, I'll be . . .!).

umn, Examiner columnist Guy Wright urged Deukmejian last week to sign AB-1. • Meanwhile, the most vicious anti-Gay attack on AB-1 in print came from Assemblyman Alister McAlister (D) of San Jose. McAlister represents parts of Alameda and Santa Clara Counties in the Assembly and has a long anti-Gay record in Sacramento. • The Pat Norman for Supervisor committee announced the hiring of Carole Selter Norris as its full-time campaign manager. • Congresswoman Barbara Boxer, in numerous appearances in her district, made it official last week that she will seek reelection in the 6th District. •

NYC Mayor Ed Koch, speaking on a nationwide television program Sunday, suggested Mayor Dianne Feinstein as one of two women ("first-rate candidate") who would "add immensely" to the Democratic ticket and should be considered by the eventual presidential nominee, and I couldn't concur more.

Supervisors Hongisto, Maher, and Kopp joining Britt in supporting Gary Hart for the Demo nomination. • Unable to reverse the St. Patrick's Day Parade committee's decision to bar Gays from marching, Denver Mayor Federico Pena announced this week that if his Gay citizens weren't allowed in the parade, he will boycott the pa-

rade himself and not attend.

Pena won overwhelming Gay support in his election last year.

• Scott Smith is leading a drive to bring preferential parking stickers to the Castro. Numerous commuters are reportedly driving in from other neighborhoods and from out of the city to take the Muni Metro to work downtown and the parking situation is getting to be like North Beach. Supervisor Jack Molinari, who authored the legislation to bring preferential parking to the neighborhoods, has promised to support Scott's efforts if it is demonstrated that there is widespread neighborhood support for the idea. ■

W. Friday



Supervisor Richard Hongisto, like several of his colleagues, was switching to Hart this week. (Photo: Rink)

Hart, Mondale Win in 'Super Tuesday' Vote

by Wayne Friday

Both Colorado's Gary Hart and Walter Mondale claimed victory this week as a result of Tuesday's primaries. Voters in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island sent a mixed message to political analysts, but Gary Hart clearly remained the man to beat for the Democratic nomination as he scored impressive wins in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Florida. Hart was expected to win the New England states, but Mondale had been expected to win Florida until the Hart surge took off three weeks ago. Mondale showed his candidacy is still alive and doing reasonably well with an expected win in Alabama and a close victory in Georgia.

After this week's votes Gary Hart might not be seen as the invincible political wonder that he seemed after upsetting the former vice president in Maine and New Hampshire, but clearly, Hart has become the frontrunner in the race to the San Francisco nomination. As a result of voting in the five major states Tuesday, Hart picked up 154 delegates, Mondale won 137, Jesse Jackson captured 25, and John Glenn earned 13 delegates. In Florida, the name of former Governor Reuben Askew, no longer in the race, was still on the ballot and he picked up 24 of that state's delegates. However, most of those 24 delegates will likely go to Gary Hart, who won the popular vote there convincingly.

As a result of his poor showing in Massachusetts, George McGovern withdrew from the

presidential contest, cutting the race down to four remaining candidates. Ohio's John Glenn had hoped to do well in the southern states but finished no better than third in Alabama, and in fact came in fourth in both Georgia and Florida. In Democratic caucuses in other states Tuesday, Gary Hart won Nevada, Washington, and was running even with Mondale in Oklahoma. In Hawaii, the "uncommitted" slate won, sending that state's delegates to the San Francisco convention free to vote as they wish.

In Washington Tuesday night former vice president Walter Mondale called Tuesday's vote the "beginning of a marathon" to the nomination and claimed that his two primary victories had slowed the Hart bandwagon, but political analysts across the country were claiming that the Hart movement had

truly caught on with voters in the South as well as the New England states and most called Hart the frontrunner now.

After "Super Tuesday's" vote, Mondale still led in the actual delegate count with 320 committed votes, Hart has 184, Jackson has 39, and Glenn with 29. The number of delegates needed to win the nomination in July is 1,967. Jesse Jackson claimed this week that he had won some kind of "moral victory" and pledged that he would stay in the race "all the way to the end — and beyond," a remark many political watchers take to mean he plans to run as an independent in the November election. In fact, most political strategists now expect both Jackson and Glenn to stay in the race until the convention, both hoping to play some kind of powerbroker role in San Francisco with what delegates they might have, since the race now appears to be a dead heat between Mondale and Hart, a fight that could go all the way to the convention. ■

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Berkeley

National AIDS Study Wants You

UC Scientists Study Healthy Men for Early Symptoms

by Louise Woo

University of California scientists this month will begin a three-year study of 1,200 apparently healthy men — both homosexual and heterosexual — in an effort to detect the early stages of AIDS before the symptoms become obvious.

The scientists hope to learn more about the physiological changes that occur in men before they get AIDS, the effect that lifestyle may have on catching the disease, what types of individuals are most susceptible, and perhaps even the cause of the disease itself.

Dr. Warren Winkelstein, a professor of epidemiology at the University of California, Berkeley, and James Wiley, the assistant director of Berkeley's Survey Research Center, will supervise the research team in its three-year, \$3 million study.

Beginning in late March, the team will contact unmarried men living in the Castro and Polk/Pacific Heights districts of San Francisco and ask them to participate in the study. The 1980 census information on households in the Castro and Polk/Pacific Heights areas will be used as a base for randomly selecting participants, since the majority of the 406 San Franciscans diagnosed with AIDS were found to be living in those

neighborhoods.

The Berkeley scientists expect to contact more than 4,000 households in order to obtain a study group of 1,000 homosexual and 200 heterosexual men who are willing to participate. To be eligible, the men must be 25 to 54 years old, healthy, unmarried, and willing to answer questions about their lifestyles, as well as give blood samples and undergo physical examinations twice a year.

Of the 1,200 participants, the scientists expect that 30 to 60 men will contract AIDS during the course of the study. Physical examinations will take place at Children's Hospital in San Francisco and men diagnosed with



UC Berkeley AIDS Research Group. Standing, from left: Jo Everds, Warren Winkelstein, James Wiley, Pamela Williams, David Lyman, Joseph Cecere. Sitting, from left: Selma Monsky, William Lang, Robert Anderson, Nancy Padiam.

AIDS will be referred to their private physicians for care.

On the average, two new AIDS cases are diagnosed in San Francisco every day. According to the March 2 records at the San Francisco Bureau of Disease Control, 517 Bay Area men have contracted AIDS since June 1981, and 416 of those live in San Francisco. Of the 517, 185 known deaths have occurred, 151 of which were in San Francisco.

This University of California study will be unique in two ways.

It will be one of the first "prospective" studies conducted on AIDS, meaning that it will study healthy men before they get AIDS instead of delving into the backgrounds of men after they are diagnosed with the disease.

In addition, because of the size and density of San Francisco's Gay community, it will be the only study to date where scientists can select participants from the general public instead of recruiting volunteers to come forth on their own.

Four other prospective studies are currently beginning elsewhere in the United States. Those studies will take place at the University of California, Los Angeles; Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore; the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania; and the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic in affiliation with Northwestern University in Chicago.

The total cost for these studies amounts to more than \$15 million and is financed by federal grants. All the studies are geared towards finding out what causes AIDS and what AIDS-related conditions arise in men before they are struck with full-fledged symptoms.

"What we see now is like the tip of an iceberg," said James Wiley, a medical sociologist who has done extensive research on the progression of cancer and heart disease. "We see the cases of Kaposi's sarcoma or Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, but we don't see people who will get AIDS in the future."

In this study Wiley hopes to see the people below the surface. "We want to see what the distribution of AIDS-related conditions is in the community," he said. "Things like swollen lymph glands, unexpected weight loss, and persistent coughing. We're asking 'What is the progression towards AIDS?'"

At the present, very little is

known about what causes AIDS or even how the disease progresses. Scientists now think AIDS may be caused by a virus, but they have yet to isolate it in man or to guess its identity.

The Berkeley researchers will be looking for clues to the cause of AIDS in the blood taken from the 1,200 participants. In particular, they will be watching for changes in "helper T-cells," special white blood cells which help the body's immune system in killing off diseased or mutant cells.

AIDS patients have normal or greater amounts of antibodies and antibody-producing cells in their bodies, but have abnormally few helper T-cells. The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta reports evidence that helper T-cells might be infected with human T-cell leukemia virus, a virus that weakens T-cells and has been associated with the development of cancer.

In addition to looking at helper T-cells and their counterparts, suppressor T-cells, the scientists will also look at the total white blood cell count, plus hormones, proteins, and other blood factors which complement the body's immune system.

In the end the researchers hope they can develop a test which will detect AIDS in its early stages, thus opening the door to creating preventative measures which can control this deadly epidemic.

At this time there is no specific lab test available to detect AIDS. The CDC in Atlanta only knows that certain people are high risk candidates and that the disease seems to be transmitted via blood or semen.

The scientists hope their prospective studies will shed a lot of light on the mechanisms which cause and control AIDS. It is only unfortunate that many more men will contract the disease before it is controlled. ■



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on this week at the Billy De Frank Center:

- Lesbian Rap/Discussion/Support Group for Lesbians of all ages meets every Wednesday at 7 PM.
- Womyn's Coffeehouse meets every Friday at 8 PM.
- Men's Support Group meets every Thursday at 7 PM, March 15.

Oakland

Downtown Robberies Linked to Bars

by John Wetzl

Police investigators are piecing together evidence they say suggests an anti-Gay pattern of violence and robbery at the approaches to two downtown bars over past months. Police identification on three suspect descriptions is being sought on a Black male of medium build between the ages of 19 and 25.

The most recent of these assaults, on February 29, caught the two Berkeley men unaware as they walked around the block from where their car was to the Bench & Bar on Eleventh Street. An evening of dinner and Theatre Rhino ended for the two at Providence and Highland Hospitals. Both were treated for stab wounds and one of the men underwent emergency surgery for internal bleeding.

According to police investigator Dave Politzer, Cabel's Reef on San Pablo also has been the site listed on numerous robbery reports. Some of these have involved patrons victimizing each other a la the motion picture *Cruising*. No homicides have been associated with either Gay bar, say police.

On the surface, it seems predictable that bars in this area would be having problems. That is what owners of both bars presuppose. "The only thing," Politzer emphasized, "is that there are other bars that could be hit just as easily. But they are occurring (in one case) right near the Bench & Bar. And we don't know why."

According to Politzer, many assaults have occurred right in the parking lot beside the Bench & Bar. Theft and auto com-

deering have been cited. In an isolated case, one victim's auto was reported in the commission of a second burglary and shooting up in Oakland's Montclair hills.

"It could be," Politzer suggested, "that people are looking for what they see as a 'weak' victim." Victims in five of six cases have been Gay. Under scrutiny, Politzer still maintained the assault cases could be Gay related, "unless," he added carefully, "they see it as an easier place to operate. We'd be quick to advise people to be careful if they're going into that area. Don't put yourself into a position where you can be victimized."

Cautioned Bench & Bar owner John Drab, "If you see something that doesn't look right, or looks like it's not for you, you should avoid it. Just don't walk where you don't know where you're going or what's going on there. When we see a problem, we usually have people go outside and see what's happening."

Both the Bench & Bar and Cabel's Reef are cooperating with police, who have not closed the file because, Politzer explained, "This latest incident is completely different, but the ones prior to this seem to involve the same people."

In the meantime, bar personnel are checking identification on people they don't recognize, and who may fit the description of the assailant. Police think the suspects may be casing these bars before they act.

Cabel's Reef owner Jack Everhart says police efforts have knocked out most of the criminal

element in a nearby adult bookstore, which he says has cut down on the crimes involving his patrons.

"Generally bartenders tend to advise a person who is a stranger or a new person in town or has no history. But I've never found that to be all that effective," claims Everhart. "We make a concentrated effort to pinpoint the troublemakers before the trouble starts."

"Apparently our clientele, who are mostly Black people, use the police very little. They spend their time rounding up their friends and locating the perpetrators themselves rather than reporting the incidents."

Everhart said the tom had been set for solutions to Cabel's Reef crime shortly after the bar opened when clientele helped police to locate the killers of one client.

While bartenders have not been able to implement systematic programs for dealing with the problems which, in the case of the Bench & Bar, date back only three months, they say cooperation with local police has been good. Owner Drab, for example, recently went to a police lineup in an attempt to identify suspects.

Everhart says, "As to solving these assaults, I would say the police probably do as well as they can. If the victims were little old ladies in the outlying areas there would probably be more work done. But when you are dealing with adults who should know better . . . I'd say empathy is not going to be that great!" ■

Hayward

Strangulation Kills Former Bouncer

by John Wetzl

The body of former Turf Club employee Lewis Alderdye was found prostrate and partially clad in the blue Chevy van where he lived. We can assume Alderdye had his pants pulled down. He was brought to Alameda County's Coroner's office with a rope around his neck and a gag and ball in his mouth. Deputy

W. "A" Street in Hayward, not far from the Turf Club. The body was not found until Thursday, February 16.

The activity that caused Alderdye's death (labeled self-asphyxiation) is commonly practiced, according to Vieira. The coroner sees similar causes of death "once or twice" each year.

Coroner Vieira called his death "sexual asphyxiation."

"Essentially, he was attempting to get sexual gratification through masturbation/strangulation and he cut off his airway," Vieira explained.

Alderdye had not been employed by the Turf Club for about a year and a half before the February 14 death. Alderdye had his van parked at 910

death "once or twice" each year. The decreased circulation to the brain caused by tightening the rope around the neck strengthens and prolongs the experience of orgasm. When failing, the rope can be tightened so as to cut off all oxygen supply as well.

A full coroner's report on the incident is not expected to be completed for another three weeks. Alderdye was 34. ■

Brother Doobie

Cornelius Bumpus, former Doobie Brother of musical renown, will return to the Main Street Bar in Petaluma Friday, March 16.

Saturday, March 17 the bar located at 39 Petaluma Blvd. N., will hold a St. Patrick's Day Party featuring The Boys of Blue Hill, a band that plays traditional Irish music as well as electric dance music. A \$2 cover includes a free drink. There will be

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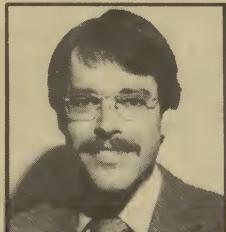
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by Nick
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Stanford Speech

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Informed Consent Not the Same as Molestation

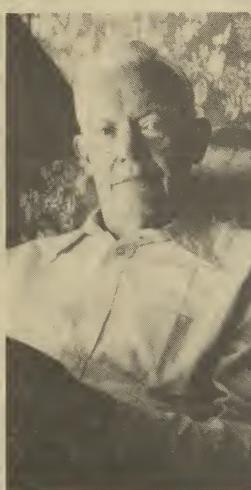
Pedophilia — sexual relations between adults and children — is acceptable and should be permitted by law, provided the child consents to such a relationship. Edward Brongersma, a lawyer from the Netherlands, told a predominantly male audience of 50 people at Stanford University last week.

The meeting was sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at Stanford and the Stanford Gay and Lesbian Law Students' Association.

Brongersma, who had served as a member of the Dutch National Parliament for 22 years and who once had been imprisoned for ten months because of a relationship he had with a boy of 16, said that the love relationship between an adult and a child can bring happiness to both individuals, provided there is no violence or abuse of authority and the child is not made to feel uneasy or unhappy.

Brongersma defined pedophilia as primarily sexual relations between a man and a boy, which "has always had special importance," but said the term also includes homosexual and heterosexual relations between any adult and child. Incest is included in his definition, but he said that is a "special category, and subject more to fear of authority than other forms of pedophilia."

Support for the concept is increasing in the Netherlands, he said, citing legislation in 1971 which lowered the age of consent from 21 to 16 and reduced sentences for those convicted of the offense.



Edward Brongersma

30-year-old man and a seven-year-old boy can be fine. "If we see sex and lust as a good thing, I don't see why we should separate it as a category apart from other things."

He said many boys when they grow up are happy about the early sexual experiences they once had, but admitted that "most girls are negative about incest when they grow up."

One psychiatrist in the audience said he sees children who are loved and then dumped. "I work with a lot of kids who are really screwed up because of the rejection."

Brongersma responded that rejection can hurt anyone very much.

When asked how he defined informed consent, and whether seven-year-olds really have the ability to consent, Brongersma said people make decisions all the time without having full information about the consequences. "In marriage we don't know all the consequences that will occur. Why should we demand something here that we don't demand anywhere else?"

"If a child wants to be touched in a certain way, if the child wants it, then it is fine, but the child must have the liberty to stop it at any point. But you see the child happy."

Brongersma said he had been asked by one judge in the Netherlands whether such an experience could traumatize a child; the judge had had a report from psychiatrists that said a child could be severely traumatized.

"I told the judge that if you were to call a hospital and ask whether having the flu is dangerous, the hospital would tell you that they have had several people die from the flu."

When questioned whether an adult could place demands on a child that are too difficult to cope with, Brongersma said he thought it was quite possible.

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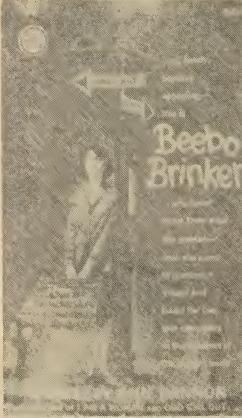
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by Dianne Gregory

Ever read a Harlequin Romance? Not many people like to admit to it, but thousands upon thousands of Harlequin type books are bought, and presumably read, every year. But does this pulp have any intrinsic value, other than the slight titillation it provides the reader?



Well, I don't know about Harlequins, having never succumbed to whatever it is that makes people want to read that sort of drivel, but there is a series of pulp books re-released by Naid Press that I do believe has value over and above titillation. The series was written by Ann Bannon (a pseudonym) in the 1950's and may be as good a history of Gay life in the Village as anything a historian could dig up.

There just aren't that many chronicles of Lesbians in the Village or elsewhere for us to thumb our noses at this type of "scholarship."

The books read as if they are based on real-life situations, if not existing people. The series follows a woman named Laura from her first Lesbian relationship in college through her coming out in the Village to her marriage to a fellow homosexual and the bearing and raising of his child by insemination. The fourth book tells the story of what happened to Laura's first love and her journey to New York to find Laura and take up where they left off all those years ago. The last book is a sort of prequel, going back before

Laura appeared on the Village scene to tell the story of Jack, Laura's future husband, and Beebo, one of her future lovers.

True to the time in which the books were written, the love scenes are antiseptic — no one ever has genitals and rarely even have breasts. The characters also almost all fit into either a butch or fem stereotype. Beebo,

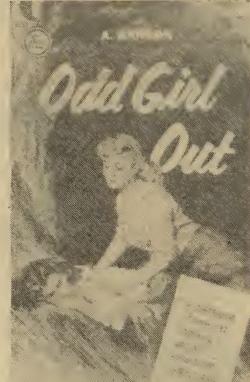


for example, could be a candidate for a sex change operation. Laura remains a sort of shy and retiring damsel in distress throughout the series, although she does grow up enough to be able to speak her mind when confronted by Beth, her college romance. Bannon takes great care to illustrate the gentleman-lady relationship between Laura and Beth in the first book of the series, *Odd Girl Out*.

Also, Bannon tends to play cat and mouse with her reader for the first few pages of each book, as she slowly lets go of the fact that this is a book about a homosexual romance, not the usual kind. In the front of each book is a disclaimer that reads in part, "The books as they stand have 50's flaws. They are, in effect, the offspring of their special era, with its biases." You see, when these books were first published in the 50's, it was under the guise of any other potboiler or pulp book — something that has been synonymous with the name Harlequin in the last decade, Bannon had both straight and Gay readers.

But although the books have "50's flaws," they do have intrinsic value in that they give us a taste of what it must have been like to be Gay in the 50's, in the Village and elsewhere, much as *The Bastard* series gives us a taste of what it was like to live in the era of the American Revolution and beyond. But while physical danger and violence dominate the pages of *The Bastard* series, tears and recriminations dominate the pages of Bannon's.

In other words, Bannon does not paint a very pretty picture of Gay life in the Village. Almost every character drinks to excess, although drugs are never mentioned, and suicide attempts and self-mutilation are an overhanging spectre. Some of the plotlines are improbable, in the great tradition of pulp, but Bannon escapes the tendency of some more recent Lesbian novels to



depict all men as rapists or sadists. Bannon's male characters are by no means saints, but Jack is a true-blue friend, and other male characters are depicted as individuals, not stereotypes.

The series ends abruptly, with Beth and Beebo staring rapturously into each other's eyes, and for good reason. The last book in the six-part series inexplicably was not re-published by Naid. But Naid's re-release of the first five books was a worthwhile venture. Whether you want to discover some of your more recent antecedents or want to indulge in nostalgia about the bad-old-days before Stonewall, these books are well worth reading. I only wish Bannon, purportedly alive and well and teaching English at a college in California, would write more pulp. ■

Torchia's Torture

As If After Sex
by Joseph Torchia
Holt, Rinehart & Winston; \$13.95, hardcover

by Robert del Valle

Reading Joseph Torchia's *As If After Sex* is like having a long nightmare or a bad acid trip: you are trapped in a falling elevator with a brilliant lunatic who tries to unravel the riddle of Gay existence as you both plummet through space. How else can one describe the dark psychodrama this novel explores or the claustrophobic intimacy it seeks to establish with the reader? How else define the urgent speculations and tortuous verbal acrobatics which it performs?

The story is told through one inescapable voice, that of the narrator-protagonist Robert. Even when other characters speak, their words and concerns seem to be his. As a writer telling his own story he epitomizes the artist as exemplary sufferer. His burden is to convince the reader that for two years he succumbed to "an acceptable madness — at least for San Francisco" — an overwhelming and unrequited passion for a beautiful hustler named Julian. Robert exults in that passion because for one fleeting moment it seemed to provide an escape from the prison of his own selfhood.

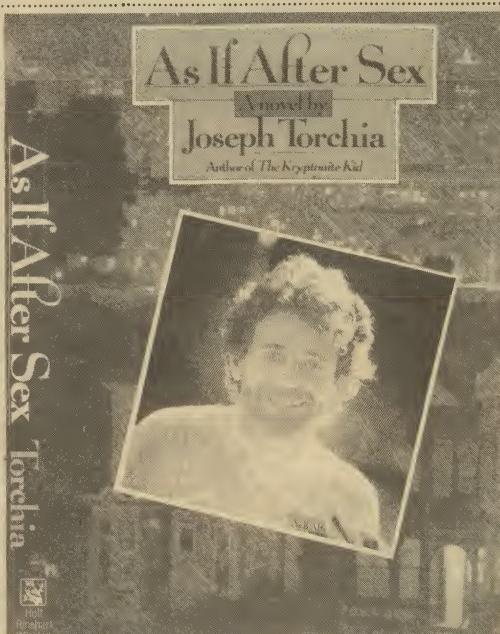
Yet his passion is a paradox. Physical possession of his muscular trophy seems to take him out of himself, but after sex (or without Julian) Robert's sense of isolation becomes a more pain-

ful feeling of abandonment. In this way sex revives the trauma of birth. After sex, what was briefly and passionately one, becomes two. Sex between two men involves the further possibility that selfhood is never transcended. When man embraces man is it only the self embracing itself?

Variations on this conundrum are strewn hectically throughout *As If After Sex*. And Torchia churns out images to match them. Mirrors and metaphors abound. The subjunctive "as if" echoes with maddening frequency through the book to underscore a concern for possibilities rather than safe conclusions. The tone is obsessive and sometimes tinged with hysteria as Robert struggles to distinguish Self from Other, truth from illusion, and reality from fantasy.

But as in a dream, nothing is ever certain about what actually happens in this book. The real action is the drama of a consciousness seeking to escape its own solipsistic predicament. Only Robert's painful effort to connect with someone or something that is not himself is made persistently vivid.

When the narrative does focus on external reality at much length it becomes unconvincing, even banal. Robert and Julian take a Mexican holiday together during which they befriend two



women whose presence lends a suspect cheeriness to the story. As the foursome cavorts on the beach in a nonsexual way, the men begin to enjoy a new sense of freedom. They like passing for straight until one night at a disco they forget themselves and start dancing together. The social embarrassment which ensues is somehow supposed to be on a level with the inner psychological drama already presented. It does not work.

Torchia is a serious writer and

often expresses himself with power and originality. But he attempts to do too much in this book, and his material gets out of control. His stylistic strategy is frequently at odds with the social themes he wants to engage. It seems to me that Burroughs' *Naked Lunch* and Beckett's *The Unnamable* are the modern measure of what can be achieved along these lines. Yet having to invoke those names indicates the level to which this young writer aspires.

If you have a taste for solving intellectual puzzles about sex while listening to a voice that becomes as desperate and pitiful as a wailing child, you should love this book. Reading it three times in as many weeks nearly drove me crazy. ■

A PUNK-AGE NOVEL

by Paul-Francis Hartmann

The author of the 1981 novel *The Kryptonite Kid* does it again we're told. (Which means nothing to me except what it does to seven critics captured on the jacket's back page. Which in turn suggests we either should care or have missed an artistic happening of significant proportions.)

As If After Sex is a short work, 190 pages, and published by a respectable house, Holt, Rinehart & Winston. The cost is \$13.95 — which averages out to be an experience of 7½ cents per page. They are quick pages because the book is about as wide as the *Readers Digest* and two inches taller.

I persisted for 28 pages, which would have cost me \$2.10 were I buying it by the page. Granted it was a free reviewer's copy, but anyone who has gotten that far would have been a victim of consumer fraud. (Ralph Nader, it's more than Chevy Corvairs that exploit the unsuspecting motorist — who's the reading/buying public's common cause?).

Oh yeah, the novel is about San Francisco's Gay life . . . in neon. Says the cover's sales pitch, "The writer who embarks

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6th Annual Cabaret Gold Awards



Sharon McNight (Photo: Rink)



Ronn Lucas (Photo: Rink)



Tom Ammiano (Photo: Rink)



Val Diamond (Photo: Rink)

Top honors at the Sixth Annual Council on Entertainment's Cabaret Gold Awards Monday, March 5, went to comedian/ventriloquist Ronn Lucas. A star attraction in the musical *Sugar Babies*, Lucas walked off with the coveted Entertainer of the Year award, as well as the Outstanding Concert Performance award.

Val Diamond took the top spot for Female Vocalist and Jae Ross for Male Vocalist. Faye Carol won her second award as Jazz Vocalist and first-time nominee Jules Broussard won for Jazz Musician.

Outstanding Accompanist was picked up by Bob Bendorff and winner of the Cabaret-Theatre Presentation went to the musical revue *NASHional Anthem*. Taking home their "Golds" were Jane Dornacker for Female Comedy Solo, and David Kelsey and Pure Trash for Musical Group.

Michael Pritchard won his second award for Male Comedy Solo and the improv group, National Theatre of the Deranged, won for Comedy Group. Fanny's was named Outstanding Cabaret; The Other Cafe, Outstanding Comedy Club; and Kimball's, Outstanding Jazz Club.

Cyril Magnin presented the honorary John L. Wasserman Award to Steve Silver and Beach Blanket Babylon for outstanding contribution to the local entertainment community.

In a special presentation honoring her 30 years as one of the industry's most multi-talented performers, Phyllis Diller received the "Local Girl Makes Good" award. She began her career as a stand-up comedienne at the Purple Onion in 1954. ■



Comedian Phyllis Diller accepts her award. (Photo: Rink)



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Ahavat Shalom Purim

Ahavat Shalom, San Francisco's Gay/Lesbian Jewish congregation, will celebrate Purim Saturday, March 17, beginning at 7:30 PM at the Metropolitan Community Church.

The Not-Quite-Ready-for-

Purimspiel Players will perform "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Purim," their latest in a proud tradition of fine dramatic efforts during the Purimspiel. There will also be a bake-off and an award for the best costume. ■

tized — that's not the issue." Brongersma did not respond to that comment.

In 1979 he established the Dr. Edward Brongersma Foundation in the Netherlands to advance scientific research into the development of the sexual lives of children and young people, "with special emphasis upon the phenomenon of erotic and sexual relationships between children and adults and between children and themselves, and the significance of these facts for legislation, judicial decisions, education and social life."

The topic of pedophilia had generated controversy before the speech, according to Gerard Koskovich, spokesman for GLAS. He said there were threats to protest the speech, but no such protests occurred. ■

TORCHIA

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upon a novel of passion between men runs the risk of ending either as an apologist or a sentimental. But Joseph Torchia, like a virtuoso of the high wire, moves fearlessly from first page to last. It's a breathtaking performance." For once the package cover hoists better prose than the innards. On one sample page I

counted 20 "I's;" on another, 21 ego-uppers.

This work might be aptly labeled a punk novel. It flies in the face of convention. It flies in the face of good writing. Junk food magnified into garbage-can prose.

As If After Sex is a lousy lay. Even reviewers should know when to put their pants back on and get the hell out. ■

P-F Hartmann

FROM FIFTH POSITION

After the Ball

KEITH WHITE

The third and best Cinderella ballet to be seen in the Bay Area this season is the San Francisco Ballet's version, with choreography by Michael Smuin and Lew Christensen. More lavish than the Oakland Ballet's The Crystal Slipper (choreography by Carlos Carvalhal) and more unified and entertaining than the Baryshnikov-Anastas' Cinderella performed two weeks ago by American Ballet Theatre, the San Francisco Ballet's full-length ballet satisfies both dramatically and choreographically.

As Cinderella wanders through her smoke-clouded kitchen, the other members of her family are present but frozen in time, gradually coming to life as she moves among them. The fantasy and Cinderella's relative isolation in her home thus established, the plot unfolds according to tradition. In typical San Francisco Ballet style, every occasion of magic gives rise to production gimmicks. At one point during Act I there was actually so much smoke billowing from the stage that the front fifteen rows of the audience could be seen fanning their programs trying to clear the air. A mechanical mouse — Cinderella's pet, we come to see — has a major entrance from stage right which momentarily stops the show; the hag's transformation into the Fairy Godmother occurs in an explosion of fireworks; a curtain of steam lends added illusion to the disappearance of the kitchen and the entrances of the seasonal fairies who outfit Cinderella for

the ball.

Scene II of the first act ("On the way to the ball") and Act II, the ball itself, are pure dance divertissements. There are solos for each of the four seasonal fairies and the Fairy Godmother, followed by lovely corps dances for sixteen girls and twelve children from the San Francisco Ballet school. The ball scene contrives to expand the male dancing in the ballet by assigning solos to a court jester (Julian Montaner) and two companions to the Prince (Ricardo Bustamante and Andre Reyes). Along with the solos for the Prince himself, these variations create impressive displays of male virtuosity in what would otherwise be a women's ballet from start to finish.

Gina Ness danced Cinderella with sincerity on opening night, though the role is technically almost out of her reach now. Alexander Topci, translating his slight stiffness into a royal bearing as the Prince, found himself in the sort of role he does best. The stepmother and stepsisters were never out of sight for long in this production, and as played by Augusta Moore, Tomm Ruud and Vane Vest, they were the funniest trio I've seen.

Cinderella runs through March 18 at the War Memorial Opera House. The substantial program IV (Christensen's Airs de Ballet, Balanchine's Prodigal Son, Kylian's Forgotten Land and Balanchine's Chaconne) begins Tuesday, March 27, for five days. Tickets, phone (415) 621-3838. ■



Wicked Sisters. Lucretia (Tomm Ruud, l.) and Anastasia (Vane Vest) fight their way through the San Francisco Ballet's Cinderella.

Cabaret Dates

Clementina's Baybrick Inn: An unusual conglomeration of local musical and comedy talent, including Jane Dornacker, Bonnie Hayes, Riff, Rita, Red & Rudy, Teri Anne, Lisa Pawlak and Femprov will appear at a benefit for the Abalone Alliance Monday, March 19. There will be two shows at 8 and 10:30 PM and the cost is \$6 which is tax deductible.

* Free twilight cabaret includes Bonnie Hayes (Mondays 6 PM); Riff, Rita, Red & Rudy (Tuesdays 6 PM); Jill Rose (Wednesdays 6 PM); Gwen Avery (Thursdays 6 PM); Kitty Margolis & Joyce Cooling (Sundays

4 PM).

• While you're there catch the exhibit of paintings by Lenore Chinn, winner of First Place in painting at the 1982 Art in the Park exhibit. The exhibit opens March 20 and continues through April 30.

Fanny's Cabaret: Singer-performer Jae Ross, three-time Cabaret Gold

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STAGE

Americans Buffaloed

by John F. Karr

My companion at the much-anticipated opening of Al Pacino in American Buffalo was so much more than the *Perfect Accoutrement*. Soothing to the eye as well as good company; he also summed up the evening by stating, "Somewhere under all that glitz there's a play."

He was right, for David Mamet's slice-of-life play is a short, nearly slight character sketch which the intimacy and focus of TV would serve well. Director Arvin Brown and star Pacino, on the other hand, have twisted the play to their purposes, producing a product which resembles not the nearly extinct, lumbering, confused buffalo, but the musical comedy,

Broadway hoopla of *Cats*: this Buffalo is all production number.

The slim plot concerns three small-time operators who function amidst the refuse of a Chicago pawnshop. It's down a flight from the sidewalk, and that's the easiest sign of their impending extinction. Like all Americans, the men want to get ahead. But lack of smarts stymies them, and they get nowhere as frustration builds to overflow.

Mamet has told the story in language which is persuasively real, nearly poetic. The present company buries the words — perhaps the play's sole reason for celebrity, since its tale is oft-told and its characters cliché — beneath an avalanche of mannerism, method and methedrine. Rhythms and beauty of speech

are bulldozed; intimacy of relationship is relied on a Hello, Dolly level and the climax is hung upon physical hysterics instead of plot and revelation. Pacino is the worst offender, offering his young hood on speed performance to a script far more subtle and well-wrought. If you're dying to see him live, don't worry about balcony seats — this blow-up characterization could be seen from the Geary next door.

I spent an hour after the show peeling away the layers of performance, mannerism and over-direction, like leaves from an artichoke, before arriving at a heart I decided was a good play. Wish I'd seen the intimate Berkeley Rep production — I might have agreed with critics and award-givers who have lavished praise on the play. Pacino and company lavish personality on their prey. ■

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Nickel Under the Foot. Al Pacino (r.) and J. J. Johnston plot the theft of a valuable buffalo nickel in American Buffalo.

Auditions at Rhino

Auditions for the one-act plays by the Argentinian Designer/Playwright, Copi, will be held Sunday, March 18 from 1-4:30 PM and Monday and Tuesday, March 19 and 20 from

7-10 PM. Needed are four women and three men, ages 25-50, any type. The women must be versatile, athletic, and comfortable with broad physical and sexual comedy. By appointment only: 552-4100.

The two Copi plays, The

Homosexual or the Difficulty of Expressing Oneself and The Four Twins, are farces filled with disgust, murder, sexual fantasies and addictions.

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FILM CLIPS

REVIEWS BY MICHAEL LASKY AND STEVE WARREN

Strangers Kiss

Stranger 'n' Friction

Strangers Kiss was obviously made by film buffs for film buffs; there are not enough commercial ingredients to attract any other kind of audience.

A backhanded tribute to Stanley Kubrick, it recalls his second and perhaps worst feature, *Killer's Kiss*, made in 1955. In Strangers Kiss an obsessive young director (Peter Coyote) and his sycophantic producer (Dan Shor) are also in 1955 — making a film not unlike Kubrick's.

Leading lady Victoria Tennant (a young actress to watch) wonders whether the director and producer live together. Her co-star, Blaine Novak, replies that the director doesn't live at all, except in relation to his films.

Tennant lives with shady, violent Richard Romanus, who is bankrolling the movie. "Our director is so manipulative," she says, not knowing the half of it: Their director is engineering a love affair between his inexperienced stars because it's the only way to get them to show emotion. It's all fairly predictable except for the final twists after Romanus finds out what's going on.

Director Matthew Chapman, who co-scripted with Novak,

comes up with some novel angles, camera- and otherwise, to lend flashes of interest to a number of scenes. The interviews with shirtless actors at the beginning have that Chorus Line, happy/sad, showbiz quality; and the filming of the first kiss of the lovers-to-be is realistically filled with tension-breaking laughter.

With a pseudo-experimental quality that could have yielded another disaster like *Union City*, Strangers Kiss instead seems destined for a permanent second place on everybody's "films I want to see" list.

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There's not much you can call Blaine Novak that he won't call himself first. "I'm a sick, power-hungry idiot," he admits between stories of Hollywood wheeling and dealing. It's obvious that, unlike most creative people, he really enjoys the business end of show business.

"I can't help it," he says. "I'm Jewish."

A not-too-successful playwright, he started in movies at the distribution end, helping John Cassavetes sell *A Woman Under the Influence* and scoring successes for his own company with *Hester Street* and *Cousin Cousine*. He hooked up with Peter Bogdanovich on *Saint Jack* and the two wrote *They All Laughed*, in which

Novak played a role.

April 6 is a big day for Novak. That's when *Strangers Kiss* opens in New York and London. Stanley Kubrick ("We love Stanley and wanted to do an *omaggio*") will be at the first show in London, Novak says. "We hope he'll try something. It'll be great publicity. He's probably sitting at his computer now trying to figure out what he can do."

On the same day Novak opens across America in another movie, *Up the Creek*, which he calls "the most embarrassing thing I've ever done in my life." Co-starring with Tim Matheson in this comedy about white water rafting, Novak plays a 23-year-old West Point cadet. "I kept telling them there's not enough makeup in the world to make me look 23! . . .

"It's the most sexist film . . . The only use of women is throwing them out of trailers without shirts on . . .

"That's all off the record but go ahead and print it. I'm in deep shit as it is."

He's in deep shit with Orion Pictures, distributors of *Up the Creek*, because he's been critical of the way their Classics division has handled *Strangers Kiss*.

Novak, who resembles David Brenner on speed, seems to spend a lot of time in deep shit. His name-dropping consists of equal numbers of friends (Jack



Direct to Bed. In *Strangers Kiss* when director Peter Coyote (c.) gives his actors motivation, he gives them motivation. Here he's arranging a real love affair between Blaine Novak (l.) and Victoria Tennant.



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Nicholson, John Huston, Robert Altman, Francois Truffaut) and people who are not just enemies but opponents in fights which have sometimes become physical. "I've got weird buttons inside me that aren't to be played with," he warns.

One button that knocks his conversation off its buoyant roll is the name of Dorothy Stratten, the late actress who appeared with him in *They All Laughed*. The plot of *Strangers Kiss* parallels her situation of falling in love while working on a movie, thus provoking the gangster-type she lived with.

"I was right in the middle of all that," Novak says, visibly shaken. "It affects you for life." He says he still can't talk about it but he does anyway, revealing that the incident is one reason for *Strangers Kiss* having a happier ending than you might expect: "The message of the film is that if you ever walk in on your lover in bed with someone else, go home, shower, shave, think it over and then ask her (sic) to marry you."

In February Novak accompanied *Strangers Kiss* to the (Continued on next page)

Splash**Waterlogged**

This is not a bad second film by Ron Howard (the first was *Night Shift*). It has some wonderfully comic moments which redeem much of the stupid, adolescent bits that almost sink *Splash*.

Wholesale fruit dealer Tom Hanks has girl problems — seems he can't find the perfect one. Coarse fatso brother John Candy (the big guy from *SCTV*) is a polyol ball of fun whose unconventional aggressiveness makes Hanks want to run away. He goes to Cape Cod and is saved by mermaid Daryl Hannah after a freak boating accident.

She follows him to New York, learns English from one day of watching television — her first word is "Bloomingdale's!" — and moves in with him. Hanks thinks he's found the perfect girl. Never mind that she sneaks into the bathroom at night to take a flip-floper bath with Morton salt.

A crazed scientist pulls the plug on the romance and the nasty Feds move in to study the first mermaid in captivity. But this is a love story, so you know the pair is going to swim into the sunset at the end.

Howard's direction is delightfully offbeat as are the performances. But

the script never knows whether it's playing to adults or to pre-teens. This could be because this is the first film from Walt Disney's adult division — Touchstone Films. Their choice of material makes me think they are a touch stoned. ■

(Alhambra)

M. Lasky

The Hidden Fortress**Tempura Fugit**

This newly restored *uncut* version of Kurosawa's *The Hidden Fortress* (1958), supposedly the inspiration for *Star Wars*, makes me long to see the cut version. Yet despite its long stretches of tedious moments (mostly at the beginning) and the incessant screaming of Japanese dialogue, *The Hidden Fortress* holds up because legendary director Kurosawa knows how to build tension with spectacular crowd scenes, artfully framed cinematography, and atmospheric music.

This is a Japanese version of an Errol Flynn costume epic. Two fleeing cowards farmers during a medieval civil war meet up with great warrior general Toshiro Mifune (the Japanese Flynn) who is trying to save his province's princess from the bloodthirsty enemy.

The bumbling, fumbling Abbott and Costello are the quintessence of stupidity and greed. The princess represents tradition and nobility. Mifune is the force of good.

It is their journey to get to safety that draws us in and as in all films by Akira Kurosawa, the story goes full circle. The only problem with this film is its length — at two hours, nineteen minutes it doesn't maintain the pacing needed for a hum and chase picture. It stops too often to philosophize. It doesn't have to really — its message is quite clear and its execution otherwise quite masterful. ■

(Castro)

M. Lasky

Children of the Corn**The Worst**

A nonsensical Steven King story about Satan lovers in Nebraska corn fields has without a doubt the worst acting, worst dialogue, worst music, worst photography (filmed through corn husks, no doubt) and some of the ugliest kids you ever saw. *Children of the Corn* fritters your time away — miss it if you can. ■

(Alhambra)

M. Lasky



All Wrapped Up. Linda Hamilton (l.) is cornily crucified in Stephen King's *Children of the Corn*.

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Award nominee, will appear Monday March 19 to perform a variety of showtunes, original songs and songs by songwriters: Fats Waller, Billy Joel, Stephen Sondheim among others. Bob Bauer will accompany Ross on the piano.

- Gomez & Palacios Comedy Revue will return to Fanny's Cabaret Saturday March 17 at 6 and 7:30 PM. In honor of International Women's Month the duo will perform tributes to their "model" women Lesley Gore, Doris Day and Barbie. Tickets \$3.
- Lynda Bergen will perform Fridays "forever" at 9:30 and 11 PM, \$5 cover.

Valencia Rose: Seattle actress/comedienne Patti Dobrowolski will perform *The Adventures of a Lucky Dog*, a one-woman multi-media comedy piece, March 15-25 at 8 PM. Tickets \$5.

- Marga Gomez will host a St. Patrick's Day Gray Comedy with guests Monica O'Palacios, Danny O'Williams, and Gay singer-songwriters O'Romanovsky and O'Phillips Saturday, March 17.

- Baum and Tufo, a music and comedy duo, will perform Friday March 16 at 10 PM. Their act covers a wide range of music, from Elvis to Motown, plus original works. ■



Patti Dobrowolski will perform *The Adventures of a Lucky Dog* March 15-25 at the Valencia Rose.

One Night Stands**Films of Gay Interest This Coming Week**

by Michael Benzry

Friday, March 16: (Strand) Not for weak stomachs. *Hunger* with David Bowie and Catherine Deneuve is beautifully filmed bisexual violence and lust. In *Eraserhead* a man fathers a monster and becomes an eraserhead on a pencil.

Friday-Saturday, March 16-17: (Roxie) Two of the best films with Gay themes are also about underage sex. In the joyous *You Are Not Alone* (Denmark) two young boys fall in love and lead a strike against their school. In the powerful *The Deputy* (Spain) a socialist congressman falls in love with an underage hustler.

Saturday, March 17: (Pacific Film Archives) Pier Pasolini directs two fun and naughty romps with many rumps, *Arabian Nights* and *Boccaccio's Decameron* which features the director. ■

Sunday-Monday, March 18-19: (Red Victorian) *Abuse*, directed by Arthur Bressan, Jr., is painful and gripping. A terribly abused 14-year-old boy becomes the subject of a documentary about child abuse and falls in love with the male director. No easy answers or apologies.

Tuesday, March 20: (Strand) Male action in *Catching Up and Drive*. It's not how long you make it, it's how you make it long — but no fluid exchange, please.

Wednesday, March 21: (Strand) *Dog Day Afternoon*. Family man Al Pacino robs a bank to finance his male lover's sex change operation. With *La Balance*.

Thursday, March 22: (Strand) Robert Altman directs *Streamers* and reveals the homosexual undercurrents in a group of soldiers in Vietnam. With *Cutter's Way*. ■

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Berlin Film Festival. "I was the most obnoxious person in Berlin and walked away with my prize." The prize he refers to is the \$10.5 million financing for his next project, *Children's Heaven*, which begins shooting in May with Jack Nicholson in the lead.

Planning further ahead Novak announces, "After two more pictures I'm going to

direct." He quotes Bogdanovich as saying, "If an actor can be president, a director can be God."

So that's Blaine Novak, a simple boy from Brooklyn. A simple, "obnoxious," "sick, power-hungry" boy from Brooklyn "in deep shit" — on his way to becoming God. ■

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VIDEO

Judy! Judy! Judy!

The Judy Garland Show
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60 minutes, black & white

Taped and aired on CBS exactly 20 years ago, this was the last telecast in Judy Garland's short-lived TV variety series which ran from September '63 to March '64. With the exception of a five-minute guest shot from the Robert Cole Trio, the program is pure, undiluted Judy. She wears only one gown, a

The transfer to tape has the look (but not the sound) of a dupe. There is a harsh, stark black and white graininess, and the camera work is static (usually just lingering close-ups of Garland). All commercials have been deleted — if abruptly — and Garland says only five words in the entire hour.

(A number of her other CBS shows have also appeared in video form, including a Christ-

of-the-art stereo soundtrack, was found and restored.

Garland's performance as Vicki Lester is considered her finest in film and James Mason as the alcoholic actor Norman Main, who discovers her, was equally brilliant (Mason considers it his best screen portrayal). This home video version has been lovingly reproduced with crisp color and sharp sound. Transfer of the wide screen Cinemascope to video is surprisingly good with little loss of image due to necessary cropping.



Judy Garland's brilliant performance as Vicki Lester in the 1954 remake of *A Star is Born* is now available on video cassette.

white sequin sheath whose sparkles make the tape look almost defective on occasion. It's not.

Although a bit hoarse, Garland was still in fine voice as she sailed through about a dozen songs. Included are "Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries," "I've Got a Right to Sing the Blues," "Joey, Joey, Joey," "From This Moment On," "Sail Away," "Comes Once in a Lifetime," "As Long As He Needs Me" and other show tunes of the late 50's early 60's era.

Since none of her famous concerts were filmed or taped, this hour-long show is to be cherished for revealing Garland's charisma, quirky style, durability and, needless to say, talent.

mas program that features her kids, Liza and Lorna.)

A Star is Born (Restored Version)
Warner Home Video
176 minutes, stereo

When this remake of the 1937 film opened in 1954, it ran 181 minutes but immediately exhibitors complained that the three-hour length was too long, compelling Warner Brothers to cut out 27 minutes. Deleted were two classic Judy Garland musical numbers (Here's What I'm Here For/Lose That Long Face) and critical explanatory dramatic sequences.

After a recent two-year search of film vaults, almost all of the missing and presumed lost footage, as well as the original state

The few moments where footage was not recovered are replaced with clever use of sepia and color production stills which bridge the missing action. Because the small TV screen concentrates the visuals, there is an enhanced intimacy and more intensity to the dramatics that were diffused on the theatre screen.

The only complaint about this video is that Warners boasts that it offers the twin tapes in a "special library edition" package when, in fact, it is not the usual sturdy plastic case that other Warner films come in but a flimsy cardboard box.

These videotapes can be purchased at discount or rented without membership charge at The Video Mart, 279 Ninth St., S.F. 621-7772.

Jean-Pierre Rampal and his magic flute (no double entendre) the conductor managed to create a mostly satisfactory experience in spite of his oddly jerky body language and the notable inattentive orchestra. The audience seemed distracted as well and only managed polite applause when not actively engaged in coughing, snoozing, or shifting positions.

Hard on the heels of Leonard Bernstein's electrifying guest appearance with the Vienna Philharmonic we were treated to a performance of his composition for solo flute, string orchestra, and percussion. Titled *Hail* (the Hebrew word flute) and billed as a nocturne, it is a good representation of the state of Bernstein's art. His moodiness, striking use of color and drama, and his inability to resist a good tune are all there in abundance. One wishes that it were slightly longer, but for all its brevity, *Hail* is an involving and effective piece.

Rampal dexterously navigated the difficult passages and

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BACK TO BATON

No Sex, Please, I'm Skittish

PHILIP CAMPBELL

There's a revolving door at Davies Hall these days and through it are passing an exciting parade of guest conductors, visiting orchestras, major league soloists, and the participants in this year's "Mostly Mozart Festival." It will be weeks before the dust finally settles and a real critical analysis can be made of the impact all this will have on the selection of a successor to Edo de Waart.

The race is definitely on but we will have to content ourselves, for the time being, with settling back and simply enjoying these efforts to entertain and enlighten.

Most recently, Eduardo Mata of the Dallas Symphony brought his talents to center stage for a two-week guest series that sent

some reviewers back to their style primers in search of new superlatives. One rather immobile scribe went so far as to suggest that Mata's treatment of Ravel's *Daphnis and Chloe* was better than sex! Well, that depends, I should think, on what kind of sex you're used to. I was unable to attend the concert which also included a performance of a Mozart Symphony that provoked the same writer to feverish dreams of the composer as an adolescent straining against the confines of his satin breeches. I'm truly uncertain as to whether I'm glad I missed that one or not!

Judging Mr. Mata's performance the following week proved interesting, but hardly libidinous. Flanked by the wonderful

SPORTS

SCOREBOARD

TAVERN GUILD BOWLING LEAGUES TEAM STANDINGS AND PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

MONDAY			
TAVERN GUILD LEAGUE			
(Week 18 of 22 - as of 3/5/84)			
League Average:	704		
1. Renegade Dance Bar	51½	20½	
2. Park Bowl	45	27	
3. Grand Central Sta.	45	27	
4. Twin Peaks	44	28	
5. Men's Room	42	30	
6. Pendulum #1	42	30	
7. Pnd 4 Aces & Spade	40	32	
8. New Image	38	34	
9. Pilsner Pick-ups	38	34	
10. SF Gym	38	34	
11. Stables Also	38	30	
12. The Sus-spencers	36	36	
13. Crystal Sprg-olaters	36	36	
14. The Deluxe	35	37	
15. Body Center	34	38	
16. Perfect Petals	32½	39½	
17. Stables	30	42	

WEDNESDAY			
TAVERN GUILD LEAGUE			
(Week 22 of 24 - as of 3/7/84)			
League Average:	739		
18. Eagle Creek Saloon	29½	38½	
19. The Galleon	27	45	
20. Pilsner I	24	48	
21. Ethel Mertz Mem.	23½	48½	
22. La Mediterranea	16	56	

High Scratch Game

1. Jpnwn Bwl Babrs	61	27
2. Sweet Inspiration	58	30
3. Play With It, Ltd.	57	31
4. Pilsner I	57	31
5. Park Bowl	54½	33½
6. Stallion Stampede	54	34
7. D K's Unmnntbls	53	35
8. Pilsner Pot Lickers	52	36
9. Plmtn Ptless Sisters	49	39
10. Pilsner IV	48	40
11. Pendulum Swingers	45	43
12. Gay Sports Mag	40	48
13. Cafe San Marcos	38	50
14. Grady's	37	51
15. Fire Mtn Lodge	37	51
16. Bearback Riders	36	52
17. Animals	34½	53½
18. Hr Tdy Gn Tmrw	33	55
19. SF Eagle	33	55
20. Scenic Hwy Tours	32	56
21. Pilsner II	31	57
22. Days of Our Lanes	27	61

High Scratch Series

High Scratch Game		
John Rogowski (PB)	269	
Keith Ray (PPLs)	266	
Randy Peterson (JTBBs)	255	
High Scratch Series		
Keith Ray (PPLs)	655	
Rob Mallin (PPLs)	639	
Adrian Stenson (PWIL)	633	
High Scratch Game		
Al Welinski (TBrs)	244	
Jeff Baker (MD)	234	
Mark Platits (K Hrlts)	225	
Patsy Wilson (TBrs)	220	
Mary Grimm (FoaK)	213	
Cathy Patterson (FoaK)	205	

THURSDAY		
TAVERN GUILD LEAGUE		
(Week 19 of 21 - as of 3/1/84)		
League Average:	670	
1. Pig Pins	55	21
2. Moby Dick	52	24
3. 132 Bush	48	28
4. Park Bowl	43½	32½
5. Lloyd's Boys	43½	32½
6. Five of a Kind	43	33
7. 6 Little Pigs	43	33
8. Teddy's Bears	42	30
9. A.S.S. #1	39½	36½
10. Bodycenter	39	37
11. The Village	38	34
12. Las Catolicas	38	38

Bowling scores compiled by Jerry R. De Young.

SF POOL ASSOCIATION LEAGUE STANDINGS

(Week 5 of 12 - as of 3/7/84)

DIVISION I			
Peg's Pugs	21-43	.328	
Macante's Moondancers	23-57	.287	
			League Top Twenty
R. Peterson (Febe's)	9-0	1.000	
C. Bradley (Stln Stmpd)	7-1	.875	
K. Stephens (P's Prms)	17-3	.850	
C. Arguello (Rnbw)	11-2	.846	
B. Kelly (Dlx Sp Trs)	11-2	.840	
Mr. B. (Rnbw)	10-2	.833	
H. Weisbecker (A Hlbd)	10-2	.833	
A. Ravena (Brig Grds)	13-3	.812	
E. Z. (Dlx Sp Trs)	13-3	.812	
R. Moore (Dlx Sp Trs)	12-3	.800	
W. Moreira (Fb's Snw)	12-3	.800	
M. Macri (Chps Otlws)	7-2	.777	
B. White (Pdln Prts)	10-3	.769	
B. Von Prillwitz (V K)	15-5	.750	
K. Williams (Pdln Prts)	15-5	.750	
O. Bubar (Dlx Sp Trs)	9-3	.750	
S. Abramo (Rnbw)	11-4	.733	
G. Bell (Stln Stmpd)	11-4	.733	
L. Boulet (W S Strn)	11-4	.733	
C. Dossett (Pdln Chs)	11-4	.733	

DIVISION III			
Stallion Stampede	46-18	.718	
Macante's MARTYRS	48-32	.600	
Pendulum Chaos	34-30	.531	
Village Knights	42-38	.525	
Febe's Snow	40-40	.500	
Bear Shots	31-33	.484	
Arena Centurions	30-34	.468	
Academy Plebes	22-42	.343	
Cstro Sta Identification	27-53	.337	

DIVISION IV			
DeLuxe Spare Tires	58-22	.725	
Arena Warriors	47-33	.587	
Brig Guards	35-29	.546	
Peg's Promises	41-39	.512	
Pilsner Ltd	39-42	.475	

Gay Softball League

3,500 Cans of Food for AIDS Patients!

An incredible total of 3,500 cans of food was turned over to KS/AIDS patients this past weekend by GSL members and friends. It doesn't matter who turned in the most or the least, but that once again this organization answered the call for help to assist our fellow man. Congratulations, and "thank you" to everyone.

The GSL league opener will be Saturday night, March 31, 6 PM at Lang Field (Gough & Turk). Two very exciting teams will vie against each other in this historic game, Trax and the Kokpit. These teams met in last year's GSL playoffs with Trax winning two straight. Under the leadership of Mark Brown the Kokpit is out to avenge those losses. Ira Clark has added a couple of "big sticks" to his lineup, so we can expect a knock-down, drag-out affair. The opening game committee promises a "not to be forgotten" opening ceremony, so come out and watch a great evening of softball.

Fundraisers sure are ripe around the league these days. Here are a few I know of:

• A \$1,000 gold bar is being raffled by the Cafe Sn. Marcos

and may be obtained from team members and staff of the Cafe. • The Phone Booth is having a garage sale this Saturday at the bar, 25th & So. Van Ness, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

• Academy Award Party at The Village, April 9 (Monday), 6 PM. First prize for picking this year's winners will net you \$100; 2nd prize, a case of wine; 3rd prize, drinks at the Village. A light buffet will be served also.

• The Kokpit and Googie's are still selling those raffles which can be obtained from team members.

• Bobby Pace, Emperor IX (A.N.) and Mae, Empress XVII, will present "An Irish Gala" on Saturday, March 17, at

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WOMEN'S BUSINESS BOWLING

Winter Season Ending

by Britt Trumbull

The San Francisco Women's Business Bowling League enters the final weeks of its 1984 winter season. The league welcomes women bowlers who are interested in bowling in a handicapped league. Substitutes and pacers are encouraged to stop by on Sunday nights at 6 PM at Park Bowl, located on Haight Street near Stanyan.

Last week's High Scratch Series was bowled by Myrta Ramos with a 540 series. Joan Shephard continues to be the only bowler to have bowled a 600 series.

League President Maria R. Sotelo closed applications on March 11 for the International Gay Bowling Organization's annual tournament, Seattle, Washington, will host this year's tournament to be held May 25

through May 28. Only one Women's team from San Francisco, namely, the Mabel's of San Francisco, is scheduled to participate. Mal Garcia, our tournament coordinator, reports that more than 12 Men's teams will represent San Francisco in the nation's largest bowling event for Gay bowlers. Ladies, how about trying to enter more teams in next year's IGBO tournament?

Current standings for the SFWBL are as follows:

1. Mabel's of S.F.
2. Rub a Dub Scrub
3. Peg's
4. No Money Down
5. Cole Valley Graphics
6. Artemis II
7. Artemis I
8. Mona Tong Realty
9. Maud's Squad
10. You See Flowers
11. Amelia's
12. Natural Snacks



In the last issue of the Bay Area Reporter a photograph of Gary Stark of the SF Track & Field Club was erroneously labeled as Bernard Turner, gold medal winner in the 30-meter dash at the Footlocker Indoor Track Classic. Above is the real picture of Turner (center) hitting the tape.

TG WEDNESDAY NBL

JERRY R. DE YOUNG

Hard to Swallow

The last article, which included the first perfect attendance listing for our league, drew a lot of flack from a few bowlers who felt they had been slighted by not having their names appear on the list. In an attempt to soothe their bruised egos, the following is the criterion that was used to determine whose name would be included in the premier PA list.

As you know, some teams have six members. Therefore, if two members of one of these six-member teams are absent on the same night, this leaves four bowlers present, and the rules state that there must be five. This circumstance necessitates that the Team Captain select the name and average (-10) of one of the two absent bowlers with which to fill in the vacant position (bringing the team strength to five as is required). The bowler whose name and average (-10) is used that night is recorded on the bowling establishment records and the league records as absent, while the attendance record of the absent bowler whose name was not utilized that evening remains unaffected. (This forms a good case for alternating the absentee names whenever reasonable in order to be as fair as possible with regard to the attendance records. Of

course, consideration must be given to the average that offers the team the best chance of winning, but that, once again, is the Team Captain's decision.)

If you find this possibility uncomfortable, there are two ways to get around it: one is to *not miss an evening of bowling*; the other is to request your Team Captain *not to use your name/average* if you and another team member are absent on the same evening. Either solution portends its own distinct problem; but, to my knowledge, they provide the only alternatives to having the word "absent" written on your record.

Only 12 bowlers actually were present all 20 evenings and bowled all 60 games. However, a total of 53, as stated in the cited article, did bowl every evening on which they were scheduled. Both of these accomplishments are equally impressive and justly deserve the immense pride their achievers must feel. On the other hand, if some bowlers reap sour grapes from the contents of their attendance records, I suggest they attempt to consume this bitter harvest with the same pride that 53 of their fellow bowlers exhibited this past Winter Season in regard to attendance.

There! Now that we have had

Fitness in the Eighties: Chuck Norman

Keeping Fit, Keeping Busy, Keeping On the Move

by Paul Trefzger

At his weekly Fitness 80's supervisor is Chuck Norman, a supervisor at San Francisco Adult Probation Department.

Norman keeps himself in shape by working out on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the International Center, 50 Oak Street, near Van Ness and Market. In addition, he walks the distance between the gym and his Noe Valley apartment. Add to that a strict low-cholesterol diet and avoiding alcohol (except for a glass of wine with dinner), drugs and cigarettes. Norman loves to travel and maintains a mellow attitude. It's understandable he's in good shape.

Chuck was born in Corinth, Mississippi, on July 22, 1943. After high school he moved to Carbondale, Illinois, to attend college. Then he returned to Corinth to teach high school English, "mainly to please my parents." It did not please Chuck, however, and he moved to St. Louis to give that city a try. He was there for two months without finding some sort of fulfillment, and in July of 1967 he entered the Peace Corps. He was sent to the Claremont Colleges near San Bernardino, California, and then trained for a month in Mexico to become a "community organizer." This, too, was not to Chuck's liking; prior to being transported to Columbia, he went to Chicago, registered, and was drafted.

Chuck was trained to become a medic and expected to find himself before long in Vietnam; but as fate, and the Army, would have it, he was stationed in San Francisco. His job description, "psychiatric social worker." The two years he spent here were the "time of protest," and as Chuck says, "Here I was in the Army and marching in peace demonstrations." This must have been too good to last because he was then transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas. "I hated it there. I 'classified' just to get out and go to graduate school."

When he returned to San Francisco he was a social worker at the Department of Social Services briefly. Then in 1969 he became a Probation Officer and ten years later was promoted to

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R. Mallin (Plsnt Pot Lickers)	237
R. Peterson (Jpnwn Bmbrs)	233
L. Kramer (Park Bowl)	214
S. Christian (Jpnwn Bmbrs)	213
R. Bremner (PWIL)	210
R. Padua (Jpnwn Bmbrs)	210
A. Colon (Park Bowl)	209
B. Rolison (Pilsner II)	207
E. Carmick (Sweet Inspirations)	202
P. Moore (Sweet Inspirations)	202
P. Conlon (Pilsner I)	201
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and sometime 215 pounds. He also concentrates on his stomach by doing as many sit-ups as possible.

The International Center, he says, is an old gymnasium, once a school gym, but Chuck enjoys it and continues there in deference to newer, trendier spas. "I've been going for so long, I've grown to know and like the people. It's a good cross-section. There's a pool, but for some reason, I don't use it." He pointed out that Gay people are very comfortable there.

Beside weight training and walking, Chuck's only other form of exercise is a night of dancing, possibly once every other month at the I-Beam.

His admitted weakness is a love affair with desserts: ice cream, truffles — "I could eat chocolate every day, all day." He spent an inordinate amount of time describing to me how a Haagen Dazs Blackout Cake is constructed and finished with. "Oh, it's just heaven." He succumbs to this temptation about once per month.

Travel is a favorite subject. Chuck's been to Australia, the Far East, Scandinavia, South America, and last year, "the biggie, Egypt." He has no travel agent and part of the fun is the preparation. "I do everything on my own . . . copy timetables . . . He'll haggle at places that are 'nice, but inexpensive.' He hasn't been to India or Turkey, but at this point in his career he has the vacation time for many possibilities. He plans this year to see more of the United States. "I've never been to New England and I'd like to go."

On turning 40 recently Chuck said, "At first I was a bit apprehensive. But I'm in better health now than when I was twenty."

a supervisory position.

In 1975, while traveling in Western Europe, Chuck discovered that after two months of carrying around a twenty-two pound shoulder bag his weight had fallen from 180 to 150 pounds. He was also working out. He decided to participate in a study conducted by the National Health Institute, a comprehensive study of "healthy people." It was discovered that he had a higher than average cholesterol level — 250, when the average is 190. He was placed on a low cholesterol diet and adheres to it to this day. Notably, it's no red meat, or greasy foods, and instead baked chicken and fish, sandwich lunches (often tuna) non-fat or low-fat milk, etc. Two years after he began the diet, his cholesterol level was down to 135.

Chuck's thrice weekly workouts are from 5:15 to 7:30 PM. Often, leaving work, he admits he's not really "up" to it but typically after he goes he feels "relaxed and rewarded." He uses only free weights. His routine is done mainly with light weights and covers all muscle groups. He concentrates, however, on legs and particularly on arms. Here, instead of the usual 3 sets of 10 reps, he'll bench press 5 sets and graduates the weight from 145 to 185 and will finish with a couple of (10 reps each) sets at 205 registered, and was drafted.

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BYOB and whatever dish you want to share.

Sunday, March 18, at 9:45 AM the club will sponsor a day hike in the Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve. Within an hours drive of the city is the Mt. Diablos Mining District where the last mine closed in 1902. The hikers will explore trails, poke into mine openings (bring a flashlight) and look for birds. In the afternoon a park ranger will take the group on a tour of the Chaparral Loop Trail. Meet for carpooling at McDonald's on the corner of Stanyan and Haight Streets. Quentin will lead the hike.

The San Francisco Track and Field Club will hold practice at the SF State track on Sunday, March 18, at 11 AM. Dr. Tom Waddell, former Olympic athlete, will coach. Saturday, March 17, there will be an optional practice at McAteer High School at 9:30 AM.

Fitness fan, Chuck Norman (Photo: Rink)

Sports Clubs

Different Spokes of San Francisco will hold a Decide and Ride Saturday, March 17. Meet 1 PM at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park. Another Decide and Ride will be held Sunday, March 18 at 10 AM. McLaren Lodge is the place to meet for this one too.

Frontrunners will hold a Sunset Boulevard run of up to five miles Sunday, March 18. Meet at the north parking lot at Lake Merced. Saturday long distance runs are held at 9 AM (call Steve Gatlin at 221-6912 for more information) and Saturday Fun Runs are held at 10 AM (meet at the Stow Lake Boathouse in Golden Gate Park). For more information call Patrick Vitale at 821-7300 or Joe D'Angelo at 552-8786.

The San Francisco Hiking Club will hold a St. Patrick's Day Potluck dinner Saturday, March 17 at 7 PM at 430 Steiner #3 (near Oak Street).

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KARL STEWART



Chow Down. Those gathered at the Eagle last weekend for the benefit for Ward 5B line up for the buffet. (Photo: Rink)

Chaps achieved bay-area-wide notoriety this week when Sheriff Mike Hennessey and his merry band of Gay sheriffs held their South of Market leg of a recruiting drive in that pavilion Sunday. The function drew a worthy crowd of both uniform enthusiasts and serious recruit potentials. One source spoke with CMC new Prez. David Sarathain, who has been a highly-paid electrical engineer, "I'm seriously considering a career change and law enforcement intrigues me," he said.

In a front page *Chronicle* article regarding the drive, Randy Shilts quipped about the men's So/M's familiarity with the use of handcuffs and returned with a backhanded slap inferring that we are on the wrong side of the law. Isn't he supposed to be on our side (the side of the Gay community)?

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One thing which the men of So/M have in common with the

drag queens of No/M as well as the MC's, is the creation of illusion. We don't like to admit it, but when we dress in leather we seek to create the ultimate fantasy of masculinity. When a man dresses in women's clothes he seeks to create the illusion of femininity. Illusion is the key; that is what struck me at The Eagles' benefit for the folks of Ward 5B. The census of hunks was up, bare chests bulged as did baskets. On the roof some of So/M's favorite ladies entertained: The Eagles' own Jane Doe stomping out "Love is a Battlefield" and GranDuck A. Sable Clown weaving her magic with "Memories" from *Cats*. Sean and the JC's (JC I of the Eagle and JC II, aka John Clifton) with help from the co-directors, Tatiana and Gd Vinnie, emceed and auctioned off more than four thousand bucks worth of leather, run tickets, shirts and toys. The big workers behind foraging and gathering were CMC's Road Captain Tony

T and BC's Princess Vinnie Russell. John Clifton managed a burger feed, which was manned by various club members all day. Sundays in the sun of the SF Eagle are really one of the fun times in So/M life. Have you noticed JC Winchester has broken tradition and broken the darkness of the inner sanctum? The Eagle's back bar now has a window or two; like his counterpart in San Jose, he has made it slightly weird.

Mr. S. Products is having a "Special Surprise Spring Sale" now through March 24. Look for bargains throughout the store.

Next Wednesday will be So/M's second contest leading to Mr. International Leather in Chicago. The Chaps and Alan Selby will bring you The Mr. South of Market Contest at Chaps at 7:30 PM. The ten buck chit will bring you a big buffet, beer bust or two well drinks, entertainment, including The Ambush Belly Dancers and some of the heart throbs of our fair city. The show will benefit Ward 5B and the AIDS fund. We're looking forward to seeing Colt Thomas, Mr. International Leather, again as a celeb judge. Some of the prizes will be leather and a round trip ticket to anywhere in the world that World Airways puts in. Chuck and Alan will also be auctioning off a Honda Goldwing and tickets to the Reno Rodeo. If you feel like entering this one, see any Chaps barkeep.

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I owe Mr. Christian Winkle an apology. Last week I referred to his behavior at the 1981 Mr. International Leather Contest as "Unleashing an Egomaniacal Frankenstein on the unsuspecting crowd." I hope this was taken in the spirit with which it was delivered.

Our men in blue and gold, the CMC, have duly installed new officers at a very nice fete in Lipp's big basement banquet room. In addition to David as Prez. and Tony as RC (whom I've already mentioned), this year we will enjoy Fred Stone's handsome mustache in the office of Vice Prez. Notable among the CMC procedures at each open meeting is the bestowal of the

Sour Grapes Award upon the man who last signs in. This week Tyrone Pardue, with his imposing frame and seductive leather, made Tony very nervous as he guided the transfer from Charles Durham.

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The bare chest's pump on at the Arena: last week's Mr. April Contest for the 1985 Calendar was characterized by a very vicious mouth on the MC, who

not only got off clips toward the management of the Arena, but JC of the Eagle, the SPI and Chaps. His crude questions of the contestants brought hisses from the crowded bar. The contest brought Mr. April: Jim Cvitanich (of Men Behind Bars fame). Phil Segal of Detroit came up in second position by the judge's eye. His description of his bulldog fetish and escapades with Buddy (winner of

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Glamor at the Investiture. Marlene (l.), Larisse (c.) and Margo enjoy the gala event. (Photo: Rink)

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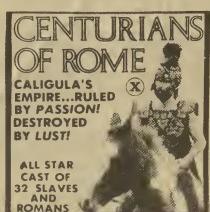
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Cvitanich's crests coped the cash last weekend at this month's Bare Chest Contest at the Arena. (Photo: R. Pruzan)

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this year's best drag on Dog (the Dog Show) was very provocative.

One of So/M most popular waiter/ restaurateur, Paul Hernandez, has jumped the wall and moved from the management of the Line-Up and Leticia's, and is working the tortilla's at Don Ramon's on Eleventh near Howard.

Speaking of moves: the New Bell's popular cocktail lady, Miss Gay San Francisco, Trixie, added a new profession to her pantheon of same. Beginning last Monday she is the Ramrod's cocktail hour pianist. Miss Trixie started off with a bang too. The entire staff of Kimo's and New Bell, it seems, were there to launch Trixie with a bottle of champagne over the ivories and

a few rounds. David Kelsey (Gold Award Winner: Again) even stepped in for a tune. Ronny Lynn and Billy Ray were glowing, it seems that there has been a reunion; leaving a sad and pining Cowboy Randy, Perry Watson, one of the "Bells" star tenders, also set hearts afire. Welcome to Mark Friese to the fraternity.

The crew at the Ramrod is adding another attraction this Friday: Robert '84 will unveil his latest work, a full size mural for the Ramrod's west wall. The bartenders will cook and present a buffet at 8 PM that evening. Trixie will play for you each weekend from 5 to 7:30 PM, and you can find her at the New Bell Wednesday through the weekend, hustling drinks.

The man with his fingers on the pulse of the travel industry is CMC's new Rec/Sec. Gary

Noss. Mr. Noss and Travel Space is putting a package together for the International Leather contest on Memorial Day weekend. If you'd like more info, contact Gary at 474-5100. This weekend is one of the really incredible ones of the Gay calendar.

The Troc is initiating some great changes as well. Mr. Collier has done away with his \$100 membership fee and reduced it to just \$5 semi-annually. In addition, David and his crew is trying out some innovative music direction; we'll call it progressive, on weekends, when the door is \$5 on Friday and \$7 on Saturday. The Troc's popular Sunday Tea Dances will only set you back \$3. Wednesday has turned out to be a treat: Quake's top crazy, DJ Belle Nolan, spins to a homogenized mix of punk, Latin, break dancer, hot, bare chested Gay men and handsome straight folks. The price is only \$3 and everyone has a ball. If you get there before 10 PM to watch Dynasty on the big screen — it's free. This dance palace will be the scene of *Mandate's* Tenth Anniversary next month. Troc on!

Febe's will be the scene of a birthday party for one of the good guys — Tim Domingo (of the Desire Dance Troop). Thursday at 8 PM you will see Miss Naomi Del Rey in "appropriate attire" for the theme: Voyage to the Galapagos Islands. Entertainment and a light buffet will be served; Randy Johnson will be dished.

Sunday March 18, The Eagle Patio will slosh with the sound of a beer bust; it's the annual Equinox Beer Bust and Lasagna Feed mounted by the SFGDI/MC. The bust will wash from 3 to 6 PM and cost ya' 6 clams. You remember last year they held this, undaunted, during one of the biggest storms of the season.

THE SWORD & THE LASH

Their Most Imperial Majesties were invested last Saturday evening; and soundly too. The elegant Green Room in the War Memorial Building makes a perfect setting for bejeweled ladies and handsome gentlemen in evening attire. Jose towered over no one, but dominated the official investing of Rich and Remy. Rich, in his red flannel undies; Remy covered with a voluminous white cape, were invested from the "ground up" (so to speak).

Living high has its advantages: some of the gowns were quite courtly. Baroness Von Diekoff, in a black velvet Russian Court gown, trimmed in ermine and pearls with yards of antique Russian pearls draped about her neck, put \$14.99 polyester prom dresses to shame. Diamond John sparkled too with blue fox dripping from his arm (He did have a bit of competition from a certain other celeb).



Equal Opportunity. Diane wowed the crowd at this month's Bare Chest Contest at the Arena but didn't walk away with the cash. (Photo: R. Pruzan)

Notable elevations were Kimo as Prime Minister, Bill Wood and Bruce Harrelson as Secretaries of State, and visiting Emperor and Empress of Reno Larry and Jackie (who also emceed) as Ambassadors from SF to that desert metropolis.

Our evening was filled with entertainment from all parts of the realm. The GG Troopers Tatiana and Crown Princess Phoebe Planter were surprise delights on stage, as were some of R&R's appointments.

The weekend was studded with parties in honor of these crowned heads of state. The Men's Room featured its "Where's the Beef" look-alike contest which Les answered with big fluffy buns.

The Kokpit was the scene of a plant auction in aid of Shanti and the Imperial Travel Fund. The DQL Driede won the raffle and Empress Ginger named the "Karl Stewart Memorial Plant" during her stint as auctioneer.

Prime Minister Kimo's tribute to Rich and Remy was a tad late, BUT Marlena as emcee and coordinator brought forth a bevy of talent. An exotic Leopard stripe was featured in Darlene's "Battlefield". Justine was welcomed back by Remy after a long absence from the boards. Ms. Planter, with her highly professional air, spoke to us of her "Dream." The Surprise performer was Remy in an energetic version of "I'm So Right."

Kimo's last name is Cochran (very Irish); he'll be featuring corned beef and cabbage, Irish music and "Green" drinks on St. Patty's Day, Saturday, all day and all night. Party-party.

The Empress and Emperor will be working hard this year for San Francisco and we hope you will support any and all effort on their part.

The first effort, which is effortless, is Remy's tribute to Rich in the form of a Birthday Party for him at the Village at 6 PM. The party will feature some munchies and a show. Joining Remy as host is Mr. Gay SF, Michael Bowman.

Another Imperial Pair, Emperor Bobby Pace and Empress Mae, will host an Irish Gala at the Road Runner Disco on Eddy near Taylor. The fun and food begin at 9 PM.

If you're up Sonoma way you may want to attend Mr. and Miss Gay Russian River-Redwood Empire at The Traveler's Inn in San Rafael also Saturday night at 8 PM.

Queens and uniform freaks alike will want to stop by The San Francisco Opera Shop at 199 Grove for their annual sale of unneeded costumes from the SF Opera. The sale is Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Next weekend our Tesse will hold a benefit for Ward 5B at Deja Vue on Taylor. She'll be auctioning off all the old Red Eye western gear which adorned the walls before the great take by the forces of the Deja Vue. Watch also for details of Tesse's Senior Lunch benefit for the MCC on the 14th of April at the same bar.

The So/M fraternal clubs have been the main stay of social life for more than twenty years. We have discussed the MC's (and do frequently) but there are other non-motor clubs which merit space in these pages. The SM clubs, of which there are two; The 15 Association's Chairman Charles Durham and Vice Chairman Roy Richard guide the club in scenes which promote safe and sane SM sex.

We'll see ya in the skins and perhaps an occasional lash. Whip it!

K. Stewart

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Karl's Calendar

Thursday, 3/15: Tony Domingo's Birthday, Voyage to Galapagos Islands, Febe's, 8 PM, entertainment and light refreshments.

Friday, 3/16: A 25-foot mural by Robert Caltfot will be unveiled at the Ramrod for permanent display. Buffet 8 PM. Live music, no cover.

Saturday 3/17: St. Patrick's Day Party, The Stable, 9 PM, drink specials, food.

An Irish Gala, The Road Runner, 8 PM, shows 9 & 11 PM, food on sale, general admission \$3.

Kimo's Irish Bash, Kimo's all day, buffet (Irish Stew), Irish music, and green drinks.

The Emperor's Birthday, Emperor Rich Carle, The Village, food and entertainment, hosts; Remy and Mr.

Michael Bowman.

Mr. & Miss Gay Redwood Empire, Traveler's Inn, San Rafael, 8 PM, food, entertainment, prizes.

Sunday, 3/18: Equinox Beer Bust, The SFGDI/MC, The SF Eagle Patio, 3 to 6 PM, \$6 gets you beer and a lasagna dinner.

Wednesday 3/21: Mr. South of Market Contest, Chaps, producer Alan Selby, \$10 gets you buffet, beer bust or two well, auction, big prizes for winner; benefit for AIDS fund & Ward 5B. Contest begins at 8:30 PM.

Benefit for GG Cloggers, The Starlight Room, host, Bobbi Shore, auction 8 PM.

Thursday, 3/22: Giant Auction at the Kokpit, donations needed for benefit of the AIDS Foundation, the Shanti Project and the Kokpit softball team.

KARRNAL KNOWLEDGE

Passing Them Off at the Head

KARR

All right, admit it. You've thought of giving yourself a blowjob. If you really get into admitting it, you've tried to give yourself a blowjob. Don't be embarrassed. We've all tried it. Remember the snake biting its own tail? Jung did a lot of research on that yin/yang serpent, and said it's been doing it throughout history — and the poor snake doesn't even get to cum in the end! The Pope says blowing yourself will cause hair to grow on the roof of your mouth, but I consulted the *Bay Area Reporter's* Miss Manners substitute, the ever-etiquetted Trixie Trade, and she assured me it's only natural.

Trouble is, our bodies don't think it's natural. Success in the mouth to meat marathon, the ability to gorge on one's own glans, is rare. One needs the technique of a dancer, the suppleness of a yogi, or the spine of a jellyfish for lip-to-tip contact to be even the remotest possibility. Go ahead and try, using any method — bending forward while seated or standing, or flipping legs over head while lying on your back until you're nearly standing on your shoulders. If you can get your dick within half a block of your mouth on the first try, you're an advanced student. And if you hear something snapping, it's your spine. Unroll slowly, but immediately take a pain killer.

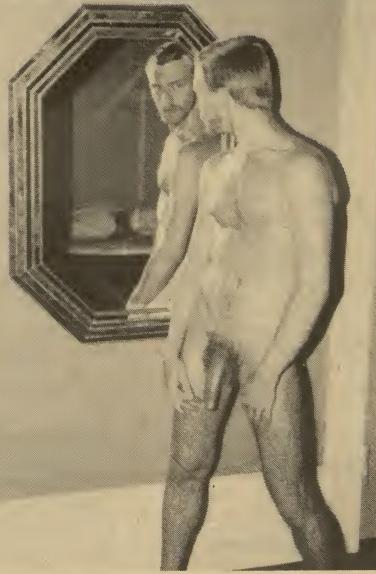
The official name for the activity is auto-fellatio. But that gives me the image of some guy wrapping his lips around the exhaust pipe of a 1958 DeSoto, so I call it "self-suck." The very difficulties of self-suck are probably what makes it so compelling — that and the snake biting its own tail idea of completion it offers. The porn star capable of self-suck has an assured career; he who can do it sublimating the needs of those who can't. Self-suck movies are a genre of their own, and I've seen tons, both amateur and professional. I didn't see a truly successful one, however, until I saw Danny DeLong star in two Direct-to-

Video performances for David Lust Photography.

DLP has existed in our midst for a couple of unheralded years, but that's changing rapidly. Spreads in several magazines have brought renown to the Castro Street pornographer, and the professional quality and hair-raising immediacy of his Direct-to-Video methods give customers a rise.

Lust's artfulness with his video camera is much appreciated when the subject is Danny DeLong. DeLong is a lean, solidly muscular blonde with a nine-inch cock and a salacious attitude. He's a cock-teaser of talent, providing a cum-on in the opening of the first tape which aptly sets the low down mood. Watch his talented asshole gobble the upholstery button on his sofa . . . you'll never be the same!

It's Tape C, "David's JO." It's accompanied by a soundtrack which creatively sets a timeless mood — bells, gongs, an electronic hum, silence, the natural sounds of balls slapping on thighs, cock's slipping through hands, lips slurping their due. DeLong is first seen watching himself in a mirror as he JO's while watching a video of himself sucking his own dick. The multiple visuals are as mesmerizing as the hypnotic soundtrack; it's a smoky, head-type experience, slow and madden-



Put Your Lust Where Your Mouth Is. Danny DeLong gives himself the eye before giving himself head in the lip-to-tip video solos available from David Lust Photography.

ingly intense.

DeLong takes his cock in his mouth, and doesn't just lick the tip or nibble at the head, like so many other self-suckers. DeLong takes the whole thing, down to the root, and the camera zooms in so we can see each hair follicle in detail. DeLong's balls rest on his face as his tongue swirls around his cock and his fingers explore his asshole. Potent stuff. DeLong radiates sexual energy as he uses his arms to pump his inverted torso, quite literally fucking his own face, shooting a frenzied load down

his throat. And this is the mellow video, David's JO Two being the more purposefully aggressive solo!

There are posing, weightlifting and JO segments to separate DeLong's bouts of self-suck, and they're fine for pacing. You'll want to rerun his specialty, though, to see and hear him coo contentedly at the taste and feel of his own jism as he milks the last drops from his cock, caressingly rolling his balls over his nose and cheeks.

David's JO Two is not as

(ahem) laid back as David's JO (Tape C), sort of a rondo finale to the Brucknerian adagio of the first solo. While DeLong once again offers the same specialty, there is more change here than pace. The video camera gives us many more close-ups; what we lose of the full balanced view is compensated by the screen-size view of cock sliding between lips or screen-size tongue licking slit. We are also given mesmerizing side views, especially of the hard-hitting orgasm and DeLong's post-climax refusal to stop eating. DeLong's deadpan, serious mein says he knows that we know he gets off on himself and knows we're getting off on watching him get off on himself while we're watching. Delicious circles here, coming to fruition in DeLong's mouth.

I loved the slippery mushings of DeLong's more shallow forays into his mouth, and was aroused by lubricious squishing of his deeper jams into his throat. The visual is as good as the aural, with close-ups that'll make you feel you could reach out and lick. The close-ups nearly become abstract compositions of lip and dick, creating a surreal world where everything and everywhere is cock in a landscape of mouth. David outdoes himself for excitement in the second tape.

Self-suck may be an acquired taste, both for the practitioner and the voyeur. If you're interested at all, these tapes are the Bayreuth of bazooka eaters. The practitioner of self-suck will find extreme justification, and technique of an advanced state. The voyeur will find an incredibly intense sexuality and multiple orgasms. A warning to the curious passerby — you may become a convert. Self-suck takes a little practice; don't hurt your back.

One final note: Self-suck is certainly Safe Sex! ■

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can be in assessing Eduardo Mata but I believe his intelligence and control may be useful later in his career if he can manage to get some of the starch out of his approach now. Meanwhile, I will look to other locales than Davies Hall for erotica. After all, it isn't the Mitchell Brothers and being a Union House I should think it would be terribly expensive hiring people to clean up the mess. ■

P. Campbell

SWEETLIPS SEZ

From Softball to St. Patty

DICK WALTERS

The GSL Rookies team has openings for any Gay softball players . . . if interested, please contact Bob Doccia at 755-4037 . . . these teams have a lot of fun together.

Saturday the 17th is the New Bell's annual St. Patty's Day Party and it starts at 6 AM with surprises by John, Roger, and the Colonel. They also have a Mr. Irishman Contest which is a lot of fun; right, Totie?

The Mint at 1942 Market Street is having a special St. Patty's Dinner and Bill Johnson is the newest member of their staff in the kitchen . . . so take your date there for a great dinner; right, Dixon?

Cha Cha ate a whole leg of lamb at Paul Ruehl's house the other evening, BUT it was still on the lamb.

Walter Charles, who did the "I Am What I Am" number from *La Cage aux Folles* on the Grammies (and he was sensational), is doing that part here at the Golden Gate Theatre when *La Cage* opens the 29th of May . . . don't miss it!

Al Carpenter and the Googies' staff will be celebrating St. Patty's Day with corned beef and

cabbage and new potatoes from 2 PM on, so come on down and join in with the festivities. We will be serving great Irish Coffees with real green whipped cream.

Quote: "Where's the nickel?"

Yes, that was Wayne Friday having dinner the other evening at the Galleon with famed makeup artist George Masters (Tootsie). Masters is appearing in town at David Erickson's Salon on Spruce Street and for the little fee of \$350 he will then make a drag queen look like Marilyn or Ann-Margret in 20 minutes.

Last Wednesday, Masters turned "AM San Francisco's" Terry Lowrie into a dead ringer of Marilyn Monroe. I hope he is here for the *La Cage* opening;

maybe he could do something for me . . . no, not like Marjorie Main, silly.

You looked swell on the 6 AM shift last Sunday at the Polk Gulch Saloon, Dolly Dale; did I shock you by coming in . . . hi, Tony Lasagna, and welcome, back from your vacation.

A nice welcome to Rick and Chet from the Wreck Room in Milwaukee . . . how is Nicki from the Ballgame bar, fellows?

BATON

(Continued from page 26)

though his tone seemed a bit thinner than usual, he ably compensated with all the tender lyricism and nervous energy required.

As if to ensure giving listeners their money's worth, the incredible flautist gave a lively rendition of Carl Stamitz's "Flute Concerto in G." This is hardly a major work but is charming nonetheless, and Mr. Rampal happily demonstrated the virtuosity that has earned him his reputation.

It was left to Aaron Copland's Symphony No. 3 to provide Eduardo Mata with a shining hour for his San Francisco debut. The results did more harm to his credibility as an interpreter than Copland's as a writer, but the Symphony itself did not emerge unscathed.

The Third pretty much exhibits everything that is good about Copland's large scale music but it also betrays everything that is banal unless it can be molded by the sensibility of an understanding conductor. A Bernstein or an Ormandy can dig deep and inject wit into the bombast, soften the mediocre with elegance and revel in the heartily enthusiastic pages while investing enough energy to highlight the fascinating developments.

It would seem that Mata does not have that kind of grip at this stage in his career. The dance rhythms, so important in propelling the score through its episodes of big and small statements, were flat and uninspired. The tempi seemed slack and the

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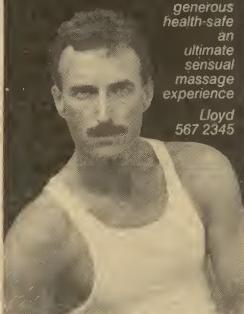
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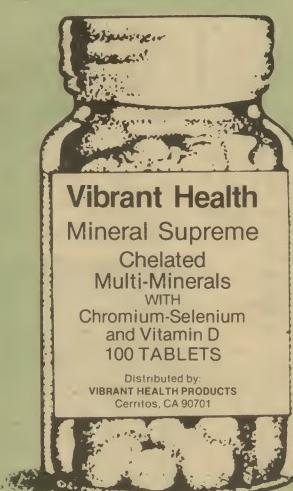
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